



# Spirit of Faith

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Faith Presbyterian Church  
Of East Wenatchee  
October 2021 News Letter

....to inspire and challenge believers to seek deeper ways of serving Our Lord, to motivate all people to follow Jesus Christ, and to nurture one another.

## A time for positive change and transformation

*Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.*

Romans 12: 2 The Message

Although fall officially starts in September, October is when we really feel a change in the weather here in our valley. Nights are colder, and deciduous trees are turning their bright shades of yellow, orange, and red. Some people enjoy the fall, and rank it as their favorite season. It is a time for football, family, raking and playing in the leaves, and hot chocolate on cold autumn mornings...

We continue to experience change at Faith Presbyterian church. For the last six Sundays, we have worshipped outside on Sunday mornings, on our church lawn. The decision to hold worship in the midst of God's creation was inspired partly by the state indoor mask mandate, and partly by God blessing us with such a beautiful lawn area for worship. Special thanks go to Ron Lodge and so many others who have helped us set up and take down chairs and sound equipment every Sunday.

However, we know that worshipping outside is not something we can do indefinitely in this climate. While our preference is to worship outdoors as long as the weather permits, this month we will probably be worshipping indoors, with masks on, on at least some Sunday mornings. I never would have suspected that this far into the pandemic, we would still need to wear masks, but that is what the authorities are telling us. Therefore, we will worship however we are able to do so...

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Historically, October is also a time when we celebrate the Protestant Reformation. In the year 1517, a young monk named Martin Luther posted 95 Theses on a church door in Wittenburg, Germany. The date was October 31. The 95 Theses caught people's imagination, and were widely re-published, sparking the creation of the Lutheran, Presbyterian, and many other Protestant churches. While the Reformation took place over 500 years ago, God is continually reforming His church, according to His word.

The verse from Romans is a good reminder to us that change can be positive. While we lament some changes, and the loss of people and things which have blessed us, we celebrate other changes. As the scriptures make clear, God continually wants to change us... for the better! Each season, and each day is an opportunity for us to learn something new from God.

Not only is God doing something new in each one of us, but God is at work in our church, in our community, in our nation, and in the world. What changes is God going to bring about in this new season? I am excited to see!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jim

PS Jeana and I thank you all again for the prayers and good wishes for our son Jonathan and daughter-in-law Kristin. We fully expect that sometime this month, we will announce the birth of our first grandchild, a boy! Now that is a change to celebrate! Thank you for celebrating with us.



## Financial Update October 5, 2021

Church finances remain healthy! Total giving through September was \$121,948 which is 1.3% above the \$120,382 budget for the nine-month period. Expenses for the same period were \$104,840 compared to \$113,575 budget. The favorable giving and lower than budgeted expenses have increased our operating cash reserves to seven months.

Thank you for your continued financial support of the church and its ministries! Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
Josh Weldy  
Elder, Finance and Administration



Pat Plumb	10/2
Pat Koehler	10/4
Florence Greenwalt	10/7
Elijah Dial	10/8
Jan Ottosen	10/10
Heath Rush	10/12
Jon Abbott	10/14
Sheila Callihan	10/15
Ken Smith	10/19
Arla Wylet	10/19
Jared James	10/23
Carol Hansen	10/25
Mary Ann Ford	10/30

# Give Thanks



## BASKETS OF BLESSINGS

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### BLESS YOUR NEIGHBOR THIS THANKSGIVING



#### CALLING ALL DECORATORS:

- BASKETS ARE HERE AND READY TO BE PICKED UP AND DECORATED!
- PLEASE CALL 663-4673 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DECORATE BASKETS WITH YOUR HOME GROUPS, YOUTH GROUPS, OR AS A SCHOOL PROJECT.
- DECORATED BASKETS NEED TO BE RETURNED TO SERVE WENATCHEE BY NOVEMBER 15TH.
- DECORATED BASKETS WILL THEN BE FILLED AND DISTRIBUTED TO REGISTERED FAMILIES FOR THANKSGIVING.



## SERVE WENATCHEE

## October Anniversaries

Mike and Lori Reed 10/25







2021

					1 10:30 Office is open	2
3 10am Worship World Communion	4 Office Closed	5 Office Closed 9:30am Deacons	6 9:30 a Women's Bible Study 10:30 Office is closed	7 10:30 Office is open	8 10:30 Office is closed 1:00pm Memorial Service for Grace Smith	9
10 10am Worship Service	11 Columbus Day Office Closed	12 Office Closed	13 9:30 a Women's Bible Study 10:30 Office is closed	14 10:30 Office is closed	15 10:30 Office is closed	16
17 10am Worship Service	18 Office Closed	19 Office Closed	20 9:30 a Women's Bible Study 10:30 Office is closed	21 10:30 Office is open	22 10:30 Office is open	23
24 10am Worship Service	25 Office Closed	26 Office Closed	27 9:30 a Women's Bible Study 10:30 Office is closed	28 10:30 Office is open 6pm Session Meeting	29 10:30 Office is open	30 1pm Memorial Service for Val & Don Koehler
31 10am Worship Service						