



Spirit of Faith

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Faith Presbyterian Church
Of East Wenatchee
January 2020 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.

Remodeling for Ministry

This month, we will begin a long-awaited building project, which aims to repair water damage from our leaky roof (which has since been fixed: praise the Lord!). The project will also include some enhancements to our building, which will make it more accessible for ministry.

One of those exciting enhancements is a push-button door opener, for those who need assistance opening doors, like those who may be using wheelchairs, or walkers. As I was contemplating the project, I remembered a story from the Gospel According to Luke, Chapter 5, verses 17 to 26.

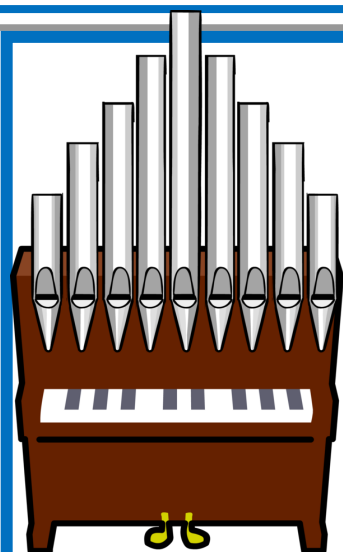
In this story, Jesus is healing people in a house, and so many people are in need of healing that the doorways are blocked. A man who is paralyzed is carried by four of his friends to the house, but they cannot get in. So, they get up on the roof, and undo the roof tiles, so that they can lower their friend inside, where he might be healed by Jesus.

Jesus is touched by the faith of the four friends, and he heals the paralytic. It might be said that this story is an example of “remodeling for ministry.” The four friends “remodeled” the house, in order to get their sick friend to Jesus. In the same, we hope that our remodeling will enable people to more easily access our building, where they might find healing for their souls, through encountering Jesus.

May God bless our church, as we embark upon this remodeling project!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jim



A wonderful opportunity has come up to upgrade our church organ. Here is some background information and details:

Our current organ is a two manual (like two piano keyboards) digital pipe organ, manufactured by the Viscount organ company in Italy. It was purchased by Ron & Jeanne Lodge and donated to the church a number of years ago.

We have been offered a larger, three manual organ, made by the same manufacturer as ours, that was installed at the Free Methodist (now Sage Hills) Church around twenty years ago. It is the same model as the one at Saddlerock Presbyterian Church, where Ron was the organist before he and Jeanne moved over to our church, so Ron is very familiar with the organ.

Sage Hills Church has gone to completely contemporary worship services. When they remodeled their sanctuary a couple of years ago, they made no provision to re-install the organ. They are now about to do some additional remodeling, and the organ is currently stored in that area and needs to be moved soon. Ron was contacted by Jerry and Berta Merrill from Sage Hills Church. Berta was the organist there for many years, and is rather saddened that the organ will never be played there again. They have offered to donate the organ to our church absolutely free of charge. This is roughly an \$80,000 instrument!

The plan would be to move the organ, along with all the speakers and amplification equipment, to Keyhole Security for immediate storage. Then Ron will dialog with Roy Hepworth about the best way to install everything in our sanctuary and ultimately employ Roy to help with the physical installation itself. Roy is an expert at fine tuning a digital organ to the space in which it resides, specifically in regard to speaker placement, adjusting volume and equalization settings and such. Roy has assured Ron that this instrument is not "too big" for our sanctuary. The output will be scaled to fill the space appropriately. Ron is working on a scenario where Roy takes ownership of basically all the leftovers (our current console, etc.) as payment for services.

Hopefully this will all be accomplished in time for Easter services in April. The only thing visually noticeable to the congregation will be a slightly larger organ console; all of the speakers will be hidden except for the two large black speakers that are currently in the back corners of the chancel area. The sound should be remarkably different; it will sound even more like an authentic, acoustic pipe organ than does our current organ.

Remodeling Project

In other news, our remodeling project is scheduled to get underway around the middle of January, with the first task being the removal of all asbestos-laden popcorn ceiling in the areas we are addressing. Then Scott Kruse can get going on electrical infrastructure and rewiring and installation of new ceiling light fixtures in several areas. A general contractor will then begin reframing some doors and closets and patching up walls and ceilings with new sheetrock, texture and paint. We will end up with a new set of double doors at our south entrance, complete with a powered door opener! The restrooms in the classroom wing will be brought up to ADA standards for accessibility, and two classrooms will be upgraded with new lighting and HVAC units to better house our adult Sunday School classes, committee meetings, Session meetings and other uses. The music room also gets a new look, as the door needs to be moved to facilitate the new exterior doors, and that necessitates moving other elements around in the room, resulting in relocated choir robe closets and a new, secure storage closet.



This is all being funded from the recent sale of the lower property. The roof projects are completely paid for, and our “Raise the Roof” fund is now completed. However, any of you who have the financial capability to further fund our renovations may designate gifts towards our “Building Fund” The church will look like a construction zone for a while, but all church functions will continue as normal. We thank you in advance for your support and your patience as we look forward to these much-needed improvements.

From your Receiving Clerk

Please help me provide you with accurate giving statements and make my job a bit easier by following these tips.

Envelopes:

Please use your **NEW** envelopes for 2020. You may have a new number depending on how many pledging units we have and how they are organized. You can recycle your old envelopes here at the church.

Try to use your envelopes whenever possible. Fill them out with as much information as you are comfortable with. I use them as a receipt system. The more info you include on the envelope, the fewer mistakes I will make!

Accounts:

You may combine donations to more than one account in one check, BUT make sure you note either on the check or envelope how you want it distributed. Do this **each and every time**, even if it is the same every time. I don't have your pledges memorized. If there are no notations, I will credit the total against your pledge or put it in the general fund.

Statements:

I can run one any time you need. Just remember all the data is on the church computer and if your request is not on a Sunday, it may take me a few days to accomplish the task.

Thanks for your consideration and help. Deb Winter (dkwinter19@gmail.com or 886-0825)

Sally Killaby resigns from Session

At its December Session meeting, the Session regretfully accepted the resignation of Sally Killaby as Elder for Mission. Sally is resigning in order to care for her husband Joe. Sally has served as our Mission Elder for many years, and has led our church in many significant mission efforts. Bravo and thank you, Sally!

Pledge Report

As of the end of December, we had received 37 pledges towards our ministry in 2020, totaling \$120,680. This total includes 3 new pledges! Thank you to all who pledged. The Session is grateful for your pledges!

Pray for the Nominating Committee of the church

This month, your Nominating Committee will meet to nominate church officers to serve our church. Members of committee include Lynn Barnhart, Jeff James, Kathryn Metcalfe, Wayne Smith, Deacon Linda Mitchell, Elder Scott Kruse, and Elder Lori Reed. They would appreciate your prayers as they meet!

January Birthdays

Bev Brain	1/01
Leonard Greenwalt	1/01
Barb Arlt	1/07
David Stanfield	1/09
Ron Lodge	1/10
Jim Anez	1/11
Connor Weldy	1/12
Star Chrstrman	1/19
Effie Backus	1/24
Jonathan Deal	1/28
Walker Kane	1/28
Pastor Jim Deal	1/29
Emily Oakes	1/29
Joe Killaby	1/30



January Anniversary

Walt & Effie Backus

1/27



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