



Spirit of Faith

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Faith Presbyterian Church
Of East Wenatchee
February 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 to gather, a time to begin ministry

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Acts 2: 1-4

At a meeting on January 28th, the Session made the decision to return to in-person worship on Sunday, February 21st. Worship will continue to be socially distant, with mask-wearing required. We will also continue to offer worship online for those who choose to worship with us virtually.

Speaking as your pastor, I am excited to see us return to in-person worship. Even though we will be worshipping with masks on, with only humming allowed, I still believe it will be better than not being able to worship together.

Why? I believe there is a power unleashed when we are gathered together for worship. Even Jesus spoke about this truth, saying, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am with them."

I also believe that we seem to be turning a corner on this pandemic. The number of local Covid cases continues to decrease. As more and more people get the vaccine, I look forward to the day we will be able to worship together without social distancing, and with loud, full-throated singing! I long for our choir being able to practice and sing together.

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A year ago, a hope was voiced that we would through this pandemic by Easter. Of course that did not happen. Still, I do look forward to Lent, Holy Week, and especially Easter this year. I believe February 21st marks our first step on our journey towards resurrecting in-person worship.

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jim

PS. Please do not mistake my excitement over worshipping together again as criticism of the Session's decision. There were very good reasons why we made the decision a few weeks ago to cease in-person worship. Local Covid cases were spiking, and Confluence Health issued a plea for people to stay home. Also, we fully support the right of each person to make the appropriate decision about in-person worship for themselves. Some are more vulnerable than others. In many ways, I am thankful that our coming livestream technology promises to allow those worshipping in-person, and on-line, to be worshipping together at the same time. Although separated by physical distance, we will be worshipping together in spirit, brought together by our shared faith in Christ.

Food Collection for Serve Wenatchee Valley

We continue to collect food at our church building to support the Fresh Hope Market at Serve Wenatchee Valley. Here is how their website describes the Fresh Hope Market:

"What makes this food bank different?

It is a points-based food bank that utilizes the grocery store model, which allows families and individuals to shop for the things they want and need. You can choose the food items you prefer to cook with and eat.

You spend points and not money. You can visit the Market multiples times, as long as you have points left and the points re-set every month."

Please remember to help those less fortunate by bringing a non-perishable food donation to church!

Scholarships Available Again

Faith Presbyterian Church will be announcing the availability of scholarships very soon for the thirteenth year. Scholarships are offered to students actively connected to the Faith Presbyterian Church who are graduating seniors or others pursuing or continuing their higher education.

Applications must have the following qualifications:

- Completed senior year of high school
 - Minimum 3.0 GPA for high school; minimum 2.5 GPA for college students
 - School and community involvement
- Leadership skills

Please keep your eyes and ears open and we will be certain to get more specifics, including brochures and application forms to you within the next month. The purpose of this note is just for a "heads up". It will be more of a challenge to be certain everyone is informed during the pandemic, but we will do our best to get the information out to everyone. As in the past, we will be planning to identify the winners the last of April. If you have questions, please contact Pat Malone at 884-6349 or by email at patmalone2@frontier.com

Tall Timber News

Tall Timber offers various private cabins with snowshoeing and cross-country skiing recreational activities. Take a snowy walk or read by the fire. The White River Valley is yours to explore. Reconnect with each other in a beautiful place set apart for you and your family. For more information, see the camp website, talltimber.org.



<i>Walt Backus.</i>	<i>2/2</i>
<i>Loren Fischer.</i>	<i>2/4</i>
<i>Bob Arlt.</i>	<i>2/5</i>
<i>Danny Zumwalt.</i>	<i>2/13</i>
<i>Kathy Monroe.</i>	<i>2/14</i>
<i>Al Cordell.</i>	<i>2/24</i>

Happy Birthday

Ash Wednesday

You're invited!

What: Ash Wednesday Service
Where: Saddlerock Presbyterian Church
1400 S. Miller Street, Wenatchee
Time: 6:00pm
Bring: Your mask, as social distancing is required
RSVP: Reservations are required for the service.
Please call the Saddlerock Church office, at
509-663-1187

The service will feature leadership from our church, and Saddlerock. While ashes will not be imposed, due to social distancing restrictions, communion will be served. Join us!

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7 Online Worship Service	8	9 3pm Personnel Ministry Team	10	11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13
14 Valentine's Day Online Worship Service	15 President's Day	16	17 6pm Ash Wednesday Service @ Saddlerock Church	18	19	20
21 10am Worship Service	22	23	24	25 6pm Session Meeting by zoom	26	27
28 10am Worship Service						