

THE CHIMES

First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup



September 2023



MEET OUR NEW YOUTH YOUNG ADULT COORDINATOR

"Hello! My name is Katie and I am the new Youth and Young Adult Coordinator. I am so excited to jump into this role! I come into this work with previous experience working in homeless services at Associated Ministries in Tacoma and REACH Ministries, an organization that provides support for individuals and families affected by HIV; Serving the community is my calling. This opportunity to work with the congregation and within the community is a blessing.

Some fun facts about me: I am the oldest of 8 children, I have 7 younger brothers aging from 6-21. I am continuing school in the Fall where I will be working towards receiving my Bachelors in Community Health. In my free time, I play board games, card games, video games (pretty much any type of game, actually). I also volunteer with Serve the Children, a missions organization that supports schools in Liberia, India, and Zambia. "



From the Facilities Commission

Special thanks to Molly Mesec and family. A lot of hard work and planning went into this beautiful community service project. What a wonderful message she has created to share. Thank you



Here at First Presbyterian Church, we would like to recognize and pray on family members currently serving in the Military. If you or a loved one is currently serving and you would like to post a picture on the Church bulletin board, please come by the office or email a picture and comments to office@fpcpuyallup.org.

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

...“WILL THEY ACCEPT ME?”

By Jan Blanchard



This question was asked of me by a neighbor that I transported for the first time to church in August 2023. Does this take your breath away as it did for me?

Our church was contacted in August 2021 by a caseworker at Luckett House asking if someone could transport residents for church. In these two years we've transported 20-25 residents. They have been both men and women; 20+-60+ years of age; some raised with privilege, and some raised with many needs; some with depression & anxiety; some with addictions; some formerly incarcerated. All are working hard to move forward in a positive way with their life.

In a recent article Rev. Marci Auld Glass, pastor of Calvary Presbyterian Church in San Francisco said, "The voices of the world try to tell us we aren't enough, we aren't worthy, we aren't accepted, we don't belong. Grace is when we instead hear God's voice calling us beloved children."

FPC has welcomed these neighbors during worship and fellowship. Thank You! We pray that their experience here will show them that they are loved children of God. And, Yes, they are accepted here for who they are.



MEET OUR 2023 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Lacey Boots received the Leslie J Paulson Memorial Scholarship. Lacey is currently a junior at the University of Montana Western. Her major is Secondary Education and Science with a minor in Fine Arts. This past summer Lacey worked at Sound view Camp as a camp counselor.

Alicia Warren received the first Presbyterian Church Scholarship. Alicia is attending Arizona State University with a major in Business Education with a degree in Supply Chain Management. Alicia had an internship at Providence-Swedish Hospital this summer.

Alex Byrd received the Timm-Harrison Scholarship. Alex is attending Montana Technological University and studying for a masters in mechanical engineering and a B.A. in aerospace engineering. This summer Alex worked at a Christian camp located in Glacier National Park. He had double duty as a camp counselor/lifeguard. Please keep all our young people in prayer. The Scholarship Committee would like to thank church members and friends for their financial support.

Miscellaneous News

September 4th
Office Closed



Thursday Sanctuary Rehearsals

Summer music rehearsals:
Thursday at 1:30pm

Fall music rehearsals:
Thursdays at 6:00-7:30pm



FPC PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
2023-24 SEASON BEGINS



First Presbyterian Church offers meals if there is a special need to any members of our church family. If you are interested in being on a list to provide this service for 2023, please contact Deacon Lynn Arthur at 253-330-0313 or email starthur@juno.com.



Circles will resume meeting in September. The Horizon Bible Study this year is "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts". The first monthly gathering will be on Friday, October 6, at Noon, in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided. We'll watch a video about this year's Bible study and hear from Sue Chambers, our Office Manager.

All women are welcome! For further information, contact:

Laurie Peil - 253-312-6140
Gert Williams - 253-431-8409



Thank you.

Tell your friends and family in case they need prayer.

Prayer chain is available for all. If you are already a member of the prayer chain group, you are all set to receive updates. To send a prayer request, please email prayer@fpcpuallup.org. To receive the prayer chain, email office@fpcpuallup.org.

Office Hours
The church office hours are from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Scriptures for September

You are welcome to read the lessons in preparation for Sunday Worship and you are also invited to a Bible Study with Pastor Sue each Wednesday at 9:30 am via Zoom.

September 3, 2023

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

September 10, 2023

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

September 17, 2023

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

September 24, 2023

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Philippians 2:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Join us for worship!

