

First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup

# The Chimes

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Rev. Sue Watkins, Pastor

Introducing W. Preston Woodall, Jr., DO (but you can call him Preston). He is a candidate for ministry, having completed all the requirements for ordination as a Presbyterian pastor. Hopefully soon, you can call him Pastor Preston! He is a graduate of Issaquah High School and Pacific Lutheran University. He received his medical education and training at Kansas City University of Medicine, College of Osteopathic Medicine, Residency at Firelands Medical Center in Ohio, and USAF School of Aerospace Medicine. More recently, he graduated from Seattle University with a Master of Divinity.

After a varied and fascinating career as a doctor in the Air Force, Preston has followed God's call to into ministry, and has been looking for a way to fulfill his call on a part time basis. If you were in worship on March 17, you were able to hear him preach and share a little bit about himself. He is now filling the role previously held by Pastor Anne-Cecile and Pastor Lesley. He will be available on Fridays and Saturdays to visit our folks and to check in on those who may need emergency pastoral care. Preston's phone number, along with Pastor Sue's, are on the voicemail on Pastor Sue's extension at the church. This is helpful if you haven't saved these numbers. You might want to enter these into your phone, or write them down at home.



Pastor Sue – 253-376-9641

Preston Woodall - 253-441-1762

## Scripture Lessons for the Coming Weeks

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 on Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting  
[https://  
us02web.zoom.us/  
j/87346847660?  
pwd=UUNhR0svdUF3b2  
IPR2VJRHFzT0Z6QT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87346847660?pwd=UUNhR0svdUF3b2IPR2VJRHFzT0Z6QT09)

Meeting ID: 873 4684  
7660 Passcode: 178643



**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**  
Sunday Mornings  
Church Parlor  
9:00AM  
In-person event

### **April 7, 2024 (April 3 Zoom Study)**

*2nd Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 133  
1 John 1:1-2:2  
John 20:19-31

### **April 14, 2024 (April 10 Zoom Study)**

*3rd Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 3:12-19  
Psalm 4  
1 John 3:1-7  
Luke 24:36b-48

### **April 21, 2024 (April 17 Zoom Study)**

*4th Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 4:5-12  
Psalm 23  
1 John 3:16-24  
John 10:11-18

### **April 28, 2024 (April 24 Zoom Study)**

*5th Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

# Community & Global Discipleship News

What or who is C&GD?!! Pre COVID or congregation had a Commission called Community Discipleship who worked toward Justice and Peace awareness and issues in our community/state like inadequate housing, homelessness, etc. Our congregation also had a Mission Commission who prepared worldwide shoebox Christmas gifts and supported youth and multigenerational

missions, etc. A reorganization merged these two into the Community and Global Discipleship Commission which serves the Matther:25 directives in verse 35 "...when I was hungry you fed Me. And when I was thirsty, you gave me something to drink. I was alone as a stranger, and you welcomed me into your homes and into your lives."

During the month of March part of what we do is to prepare lunches and food for a variety of groups in our community. The members of C&GD prepared 10 lunches and snacks for Habitat for Humanity (HFH) Collegiate Challenge students from Carnege Melon University on March 6<sup>th</sup>. On March 7/8<sup>th</sup> volunteers prepared 240 weekend bags of food for our preschool children who are food insecure. March 12<sup>th</sup> we prepared 60 meals for New Hope and 20 more lunches and snacks for HFH college students from a university in Washington D.C. On the 26<sup>th</sup> 45 lunches were taken again to New Hope!!!

This is largely thanks to the generous support from our congregation as well as the partnership with the Puyallup Food Bank that gives food items for those in need. It has been a busy month and unless you're hanging around the church kitchen these activities might not be noticed!!! We are using the resources given to us as wisely as we can and stretching our budget as far as we can. Thank you for your continued support!!



## Bags of Grace



It is time to get items together and fill some Bags of Grace for our neighbors in need. We hope to fill 100 zip lock bags with things that are needed by our unhoused sisters and brothers, after worship on **April 28**.

Some of these items are available online from Amazon and other outlets. Please have all **donations to the church no later than Wednesday, April 24**.

If you have any questions, contact Pat W. at 253-875-3262 or grossiewalton@gmail.com.

Here are some things that are needed for each bag:

- Gallon sized zip lock bag
- Quart or sandwich sized zip lock bag
- Wet wipes (2 packets)
- Packet of Kleenex
- Toothpaste and toothbrush
- Individually-wrapped rain poncho
- Emergency blanket
- Sunscreen in small packets
- Nail clippers
- Lip balm
- Small notepad and golf pencil
- 10-12 bandaids
- Small packets of antibiotic ointment
- Small (travel size) tube of lotion
- Cotton swabs (5 per bag)
- Small bottle of water
- Granola bars
- Tuna or chicken & cracker packs
- Fruit cups
- Single serving snacks like trail mix, nuts, crackers, Goldfish, cookies

## Preschool Bagging



All are welcome to join the Mission Commission as we pack bags of food for our Bates preschool students. Join us Thursday and Friday

**April 11th and 12th**

9:30 am in the Library



## SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOURS

The Congregational Worship Life

Commission is asking for help with fellowship hour following the Sunday morning Services. This could be in the form of contributing cookies, etc., and/or helping to clean up afterwards.

If this is something you would enjoy doing, let Andrea Klouse or Gert Williams know. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

And many thanks to those of you who have already contributed.

We really appreciate it.

CWL Commission

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S GATHERING



**Friday, April 5** at Noon in the Fellowship Hall, will be the next PW monthly gathering. Bring your own lunch. Dessert and beverages will be provided. Karri Wicka will share her experiences while attending the PW US Mission Experience. Everyone is welcome! Come and enjoy the fellowship.



2024 Scholarships are now available

Leslie Paulson Memorial Scholarship

First Presbyterian Church Scholarship

Timm-Harrison Scholarship

Links to these scholarships posted to our website by April 1

**Deadline for these scholarships  
Wednesday May 1st by Noon**

# YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

The Youth Group is staying busy! We have some fun activities coming up throughout the Spring! We are planning on Youth Sunday April 21st, come prepared for Bible Jeopardy, lots of laughs, and a moving message! Loose offerings on Youth Sunday will be put into our Mission Trip Fund!

We are also looking for some who may be interested in helping provide lunch to the youth group! We meet Sundays at 12 in the upstairs youth room.

Lastly, we are looking for those who are interested in helping with our Spaghetti Dinner Theater Fundraiser this spring! We will be hosting a murder mystery dinner theater this Spring in our very own Fellowship Hall! All proceeds will be put towards our mission trip this summer and the excess will be put aside for future mission trips and retreats for the youth group.

We need individuals who are interested in making the meal, helping set up, helping clean up, as well as anyone who may have experience in theater/narration!

Information about tickets will be available in early May!

If you have any interest in supporting the youth group in the future, connect with Katie!

**YOUTH GROUP**  
*spring calendar*

**MARCH**  
5TH - HAGARS BIRTHDAY CARDS  
31ST - EASTER EGG HUNT

**APRIL**  
7TH - SERVICE SUNDAY  
14TH - YOUTH SUNDAY PRACTICE RUN  
21ST - YOUTH SUNDAY

**MAY**  
5TH - SPRING RETREAT  
26TH - SPAGHETTI DINNER THEATER

**MURDER MYSTERY DINNER**

Everyone's a suspect  
Can you figure out who did what?

Saturday, the 25th of May, 2024  
Spaghetti Dinner Theater

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Proceeds benefit Youth/Young Adult Summer Mission Trip

Youth Sunday coming up **April 21**  
All loose offerings from that Sunday will go towards our Summer Mission Trip to Alaska!  
Looking forward to seeing you there!