



First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup

The Chimes

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A Month in the Life of the Community and Global Discipleship Commission: Phyllis's Perspective

As I woke up this morning, I found myself wondering if today might be a rare day without responsibilities. The thought was fleeting, overshadowed by the busy calendar of events and meetings ahead. As co-chair of the Community and Global Discipleship Commission, my days are often filled with both purpose and activity, all revolving around serving others.

This month has been particularly packed. We began with two dedicated days spent in the church nursery assembling and filling food bags for the ECEAP children. It's always heartwarming to know these bags will brighten the days of those in need. Every second and fourth Friday, we visit the food bank, gathering items not only for ECEAP but also for New Hope. Each trip is a reminder of the community we're building—each can of soup or box of cereal represents our collective effort to support our neighbors. Twice Monthly on Tuesdays, we prepare and serve hot lunches for 45 to 60 guests at New Hope. It's rewarding work. Just last Tuesday, Jan took the lead in the kitchen, and we made a delightful meal that brought smiles to so many faces. I love these moments, where our efforts translate directly into nourishment and fellowship. Our commission meetings take place via Zoom on the second Tuesday of each month. This is where we gather as a team to share ideas, plan future activities, and discuss how we can continue to serve effectively. The energy during these meetings is always uplifting, reminding me why I joined this commission in the first place.

This week promises to be just as full. Tuesday the 24th, we'll meet in the church kitchen at 10:30 am to prepare lunch for New Hope. It's a team effort—everyone pitches in, and I love seeing how we all come together for a common cause. On Thursday the 26th, we'll head out for shopping—Pat will create a list of items needed for the ECEAP kids. It's a little adventure, navigating the aisles of Costco and Winco, making sure we gather everything required. Friday is another important day. We'll check in at the food bank for ECEAP and for our Bags of Grace initiative. Each visit feels significant, a small but vital piece in a larger puzzle of support and community care. This Saturday the 28th is particularly special; we're setting up for Pastor Sue's retirement party in the Fellowship Hall. It's a celebration of service and dedication, a chance to honor our Shepherd of 20+ who has given so much to our community.

The week following is just as busy, with bagging events for the ECEAP kids on Thursday and Friday, and then preparations for our "Faith in Action" day and weekend. The highlight of the Faith in Action weekend will be on Sunday which is focused on filling the Bags of Grace. Our goal for this year's Faith in Action is 500 bags of Grace. Each of the 5 churches celebrating this effort with us will receive 100 Bags to share with the homeless folks in our area. We've reserved the Fellowship Hall until about 3 pm to ensure we have ample time to finish and clean up. The work will be long but rewarding. It's what we do; it's who we are. As the sun sets on our busy Sunday, we'll gather again for dinner and worship, wrapping up a fulfilling week of service and community. It's a life filled with purpose, each day presenting its own challenges and joys. As I reflect on all we've accomplished and what's still ahead, I realize there may not be a day without responsibilities anytime soon, but that's okay. It's in this work that I find my passion and purpose, alongside a dedicated group of like-minded individuals.

Scriptures for October

October 6

20th Sunday after Pentecost

Job 1:1, 2:1-10

Psalms 26

Genesis 2: 18-24

Psalms 8

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Mark 10:2-16

October 13

21st Sunday after Pentecost

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Psalms 22:1-15

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Psalms 90:12-17

Hebrews 4:12-16, 2:5-12

Mark 10:17-31

October 20

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 38:1-7, 16-17

Psalms 104:1-9, 24, 35

Isaiah 53:4-12

Psalms 91:9-16

Hebrews 5:1-10, 2:5-12

Mark 10:35-45

October 27

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Psalms 34:1-8, 19-22

Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalms 126

Hebrews 7:23-28

Mark 10:46-52

Personnel Stewardship and Finance

Thank you for keeping your pledge up to date. At this time, it is necessary to transfer \$30,000 from Endowment funds to be sure there is sufficient money for paying bills through December.

On September 29, 2024, pledge cards were dedicated for the 2025 fiscal year.

Good Faith Bookkeeping, Cherie, is doing an excellent job taking care of our accounting needs.

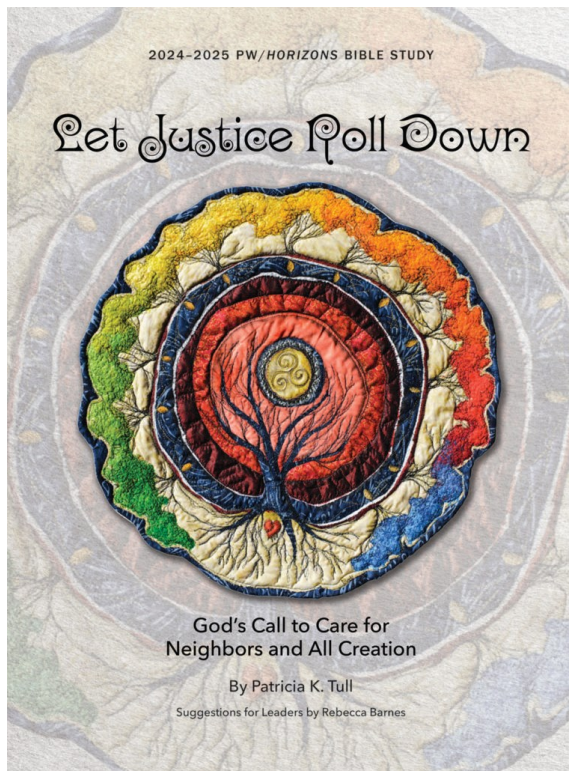
Pastor Preston Woodall's home and hospital visitation work continues. Thank you for this important ministry to FPC. Congratulations on your recent ordination!

We have bid farewell to Pastor Sue Watkins. We thank her and wish her well in her retirement. Pastor Tom Paine has joined FPC as our interim pastor. We welcome Pastor Tom and his family.



Walking in the Light (Adult Sunday School)

On Sundays from 9 to 10 AM, join us in the FPCP parlor for a continuing Bible discussion and learning group for adults. Guided by the excellent Feasting On The Word curriculum, using the same lectionary calendar our congregation follows when planning weekly scripture readings, our group seeks to provide a welcoming, casual space where folks can learn and share while we reach deeper into scripture and act upon what we find there. We seek to walk alongside and learn from Jesus, and we invite anyone who would like to be in fellowship, exploring how to live more thoughtful, Gospel-centered and Holy Spirit led lives



Our Presbyterian Women have begun their in-person circle meetings, but some of you may not be available to attend. This means that you are missing out on a wonderful Bible study!

Pastor Lesley Paine is extending the following invitation to all who might wish to join in an online circle:

All are invited to join Presbyterians for Earth Care for a virtual monthly study of *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation* by Patricia K. Tull with suggestions for leaders by Rebecca Barnes

Day & Date: Fourth Sunday of the month, Sept. 22nd, Oct. 27th, Nov. 24th, Dec. 22nd, Jan. 26th, Feb. 23rd, Mar. 23rd, Apr. 28th, May 26th.

Time: 4:00 pm Pacific. The study will run for 75 minutes.

Patricia K. Tull, author of the 2024-2025 PW/Horizons Bible study *Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation* describes her call for creation justice in this way: "When I first learned of the climate crisis, I wondered how a biblical scholar with few practical skills could help and found my purpose in learning about ecology and teaching people of faith what I could. Such is not everyone's skillset or desire, but each of us has something to do with all our hearts."

Readers will learn about ecological systems, the challenges we face in this time of accelerated climate change, and the possibilities available to address or counter the impact of human-made stress on our environment. Further, readers will explore theological questions that point us to act and engage, in small and large ways.

Order the study for \$10 <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/product/let-justice-roll-down- english-edition/>

Please join Presbyterians for Earth Care for this unique monthly opportunity for meaningful community study! This virtual gathering is made available especially for those who do not have local access to this PW study opportunity. Come as you are able. All are welcome.

Study Leaders: Rev. M. Courtenay Willcox and Rev. Lucy Youngblood

ZOOM link for all sessions:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85644861027?pwd=7V605oRVW2rFkSTa6L1p1jrArs8LS6.1>

Meeting ID: 856 4486 1027 Passcode: 932940

All Circle Options:

Eve Circle— Third Tuesday of the month in the evening

Hoff-Nicholson Circle—Third Wednesday of the month at 12:00 pm

Chase-MacInnes Circle— Third Thursday of the month at 12:00 pm

Online Circle — Fourth Sunday of the month at 4:00 pm



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Presbyterian Women Luncheon

Join PW for their monthly luncheon on **October 4, 2024**. The Presbyterian Women Luncheon is a lively gathering that fosters fellowship, inspiration, and service among community members. Attendees bring their own lunch to enjoy while discussing faith, social justice, and outreach initiatives. Featuring guest speakers who share empowering stories, the event encourages connections among women of all ages, deepening their commitment to mission work. This welcoming atmosphere promotes support and collaboration, making it a vital space for nurturing relationships and planning future projects.

About Faith In Action

Bags of Grace

Our goal is 500 Bags of Grace, 100 for each of the participating churches. We will be filling the bags in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 6 (10:30 am to 12 noon, and 1 pm to 3 pm). On Saturday, October 5 (1 pm to 3 or 4 pm), we will need to set up the room so the bagging will go smoothly, and put together the first aid kits we will add to the bags. If you have the time, we could use your help. We will have a sign-up sheet on the Community and Global discipleship bulletin board.

Questions? Contact Pat Walton grossiewalton@gmail.com or Phyllis Smith 1psmith@comcast.net

Also, if you would like to buy items for the Bags of Grace, here is the link to the Amazon wish list:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/2J5LXVFGG4LZJ>

Activity bags for the ECEAP preschoolers

On Sunday, October 6, from 1pm-3pm, we will be putting together another type of bag, filled with educational activities for the children who attend preschool in our church building. This activity will take place at Shepherd of the Hill Presbyterian Church. The bags will have such items as alphabet and number flash cards, dot-to-dot activity books, crayons and student scissors. The children's parents will use these items to help their students with letter recognition and alphabet sequencing, among other things.

If you would like to help us with this bagging, sign-up on the sheet posted on the Community and Global Discipleship bulletin board. If you would like to get some items for these bags, go to the Amazon registry:

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guest-view/32LY4SRYP2LIJ>

Fall Volunteer and Giving Opportunities

In the spirit of stewardship, here are opportunities for giving over the next few months. For sign-up details, see the Volunteer Sign-up Board in the Fellowship Hall

October 1-31—Deacons Laundry Drive

October 4-6—Faith in Action Weekend

October 10 — Provide Lunch for Youth Group

October 18-20—Youth Group Fall Retreat

October 31—Halloween Fest with Booallup



Fall for Volunteering



FAITH IN ACTION

SATURDAY OCTOBER 5

NEW HOPE RESOURCE CENTER 414 Spring ST Puyallup

8-4pm (Saturday and Sunday) Update two bathrooms

New Hope is a drop-in center providing resources to help people out of homelessness. limit 5

NORTHWEST FURNITURE BANK 117 Puyallup Ave, Tacoma

9-Noon Assemble furniture donated by IKEA Northwest Furniture Bank provides furniture to those in need. limit 25 minimum age 14

QUILT SEWING AND/OR TYING Peace Lutheran 214 E. Pioneer, Puyallup

9:30-12noon Piece and tie quilts for Lutheran World Relief

LWR provides humanitarian assistance and disaster relief.

need 4-6 sewing machines (no sewing skills required)

TRANSPARENT CLOSET First Christian Church 623 9th Ave SW

10am-12noon Sort, organize and hang clothes.

Transparent Closet is a free clothing boutique for youth and young adults who are transitioning or gender exploring. limit 6-8

OASIS YOUTH CENTER 2215 Pacific Ave, Tacoma

1:00-3:00pm Planted a flower and pots for outside front door.

Oasis is a support center for LGBTQ+ youth ages 11-24. limit 6

EMERGENCY FOOD NETWORK 3318 92nd St S, Lakewood

12:00-2:00pm Pack home delivery boxes.

EFN is Pierce County's central storage and distribution center for emergency food programs. limit 10 minimum age 18

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF PUYALLUP 412 W Pioneer Puyallup

Saturday 1pm First Presbyterian Fellowship Hall, we will be putting together the first aid kits that will go in the Bags of Grace and setting up the room so that filling the bags will go smoothly.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 6

COOKIE MAKING 8401 112th St E Puyallup Shepherd of the Hill

9:00am-12noon Make cookies and deliver to 1st responders.

This project is for our kids

L'ARCHE 11716 Vickery Ave Tacoma

9:00-3:00pm Trim, weed, edge, clean patio

L'Arche provides homes where people with and without intellectual disabilities live and work together. Need truck(s) for dump/recycle/donation runs

PERSONAL CARE KITS 8401 112th St E Puyallup Shepherd of the Hill

AND PRESCHOOL ACTIVITY BAGS

10:00-11am Pack personal to be sent to Lutheran World Relief and preschool activity bags to be given to preschoolers in the ECEAP program at First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup

BAGS OF GRACE 412 W Pioneer Puyallup (FPC)

10:30-11:30am and 1:30-3:30pm Fellowship Hall

Pack bags of comfort items to give to the homeless individuals. Bags will be available to church members to have in their car.

HELPING HAND HOUSE 8401 112th St E Puyallup Shepherd of the Hill

11:00-12:30pm Fleece blankets to be given to families experiencing homelessness.

Helping Hand House provides emergency shelter and housing solutions to families in our community.

DINNER SET UP 8401 112th St E Puyallup Shepherd of the Hill

Time TBD (tables, chairs, place settings, etc.)

DINNER CLEAN UP CREW

**Join us for our celebration dinner Sunday at 5:30pm
followed by worship about 6:15pm
Shepherd of the Hill 8401 112th St E Puyallup**