

The Chimes

March 2025

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From Isolation to Community: Lessons from Covid and the Bible

I dodged it for five years. I had never had Covid before. But ten days ago, that changed when I tested positive. I am still at home, quarantining, and feeling better. I just took the antigen test, and it shows that I am still positive, barely. I am hoping I will be clear tomorrow morning. But being sick has been an experience to ponder. It hasn't been since the depths of the beginning of the pandemic that I have quarantined so much (and then it was worrying that I would catch covid).

The closest equivalent in the Bible stories were the lepers. Out of fear - they were sent to the margins of society. They had to yell out anytime they were near other people so no one would approach. They could only be around other lepers. That was, until Jesus came. Jesus came and not only touched many (something they probably had not felt in quite some time) but healed a number of them. Imagine the joy.

We all have to be careful not to pass on or contract diseases. But reaching out to those isolated and praying for them is so important. I can't tell you how much it has meant to me how many church folks who not only have checked in with me but offered to bring me food. One even picked up Lesley and John at the airport for me. Feeling part of a community makes the isolation so much more bearable. I encourage you if you are sick or injured always to contact the church office or our prayer line and let us know.

Jesus' brother James encouraged us to pray for the sick. I will walk out of this experience with the passion for doing so more than ever.

I hope you have a good month.

Pastor Tom Paine
Transitional Pastor, FPC Puyallup

James 5:15

The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord
will raise them up; and anyone who has
committed sins will be forgiven.

MARCH 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00am A.A. SOS
2 9am Adult Sunday School 9:45 Choir Warmups 10:30 am Worship 12noon Youth Group 12noon New Member Class 6:00 pm Living Free (AA)	3 11:00am PW CT Meeting	4 9:30am CE Commission Parlor 6:30pm Commissions 6:30pm Eve Circle	5 9:30 am Bible Study Zoom 6:30pm Green Book	6 10:00am South Hill Artist 6:00 Serenity Seekers 6:00 pm TOPS 6pm Praise Team 6pm ALATeen 6:25pm Choir	7 Noon PW Lunch	8 8:00 am A.A. SOS
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Scriptures for March

March 2

Transfiguration of the Lord

Exodus 34:29-35

Psalms 99

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Luke 9:28-36, 37-43a

March 9

1st Sunday of Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalms 91:1-2, 9-16

Romans 10:8b-13

Luke 4:1-13

March 16

2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18

Psalms 27

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-35

Luke 9:28-36, 37-43a

March 23

3rd Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 55:1-9

Psalms 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

March 30

4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

Psalms 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32



Walking in the Light

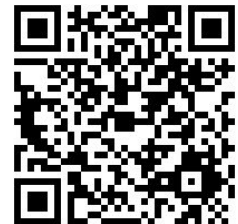
Adult Sunday School



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



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN



Our Presbyterian Women are multiple lessons deep into their Let Justice Roll Down Bible Study. It is never too late to join in!

ZOOM information for all sessions:

Scan QR Code to Access from your Phone:

Meeting ID: 856 4486 1027 Passcode: 932940

All Circle Options:

Eve Circle— First 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

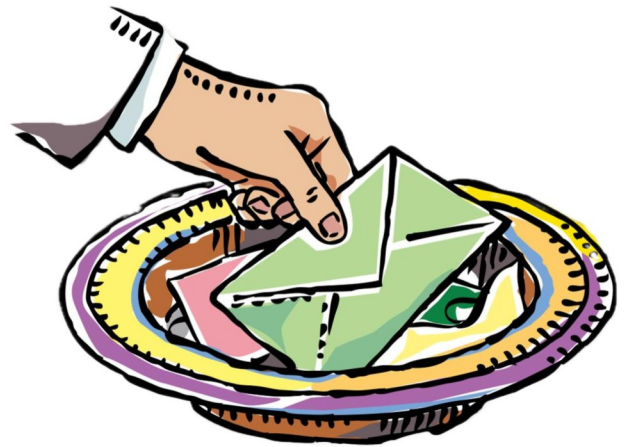
WHAT IS PER CAPITA??

As a connectional church, our work is maintained, sustained and funded by “Per Capita” assessment. The per capita assessment supports the internal work of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its relationships with other faith communities around the world. Per capita is an amount of money per member that our congregation pays to our larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This money is part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. It is the money that enables us to work with other Presbyterian churches in our presbytery and across the country.

We are asking each member of the congregation to reimburse the church for their individual assessment. By contributing your portion of per capita, you have freed up dollars in our regular budget for the work of our congregation. The Per Capita assessment is \$50 per member.

You can make your payment by check to FPC. Be sure to note Per Capita in the memo line. Thank you!

REMEMBER YOUR OFFERING



And “PER CAPITA”



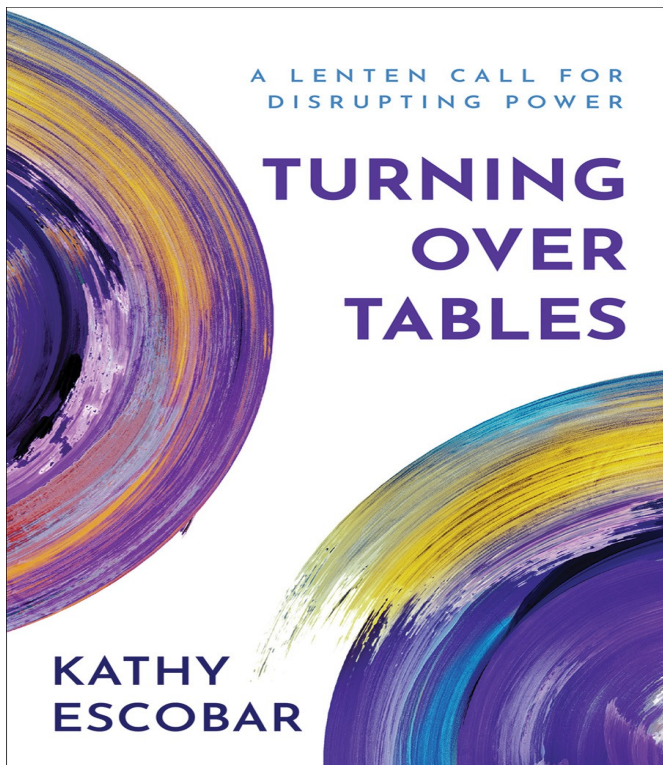
Matthew 25 continues to be a guiding force in the work of One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). Around the world millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education and opportunity. The three programs supported by OGHS – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self Development of People – all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response like with the California wildfires or Hurricane Helene to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance and hope.

-In 2023 **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** awarded \$6.1 million in grants in 27 US states and 46 International countries.

-In 2023 **Presbyterian Hunger Program** awarded \$1.1million in grants to 19 countries and territories.

-Through OGHS projects in economically poor communities around the world, communities have had an opportunity to develop solutions to their own challenges through grants from **Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People**.

Funds generated from this Special Offering during Lent are distributed between the three programs. **One Great Hour of Sharing is the largest way Presbyterians come together every year to work for a better world.** Every gift – great or small – combine internationally to provide a significant source of help for those in need. This Special Offering goes through Lent and will be dedicate our OGHS offering on Easter Sunday.



Looking for a meaningful way to deepen your faith this Lent? The **PC(USA) Lenten Bible Study** offers a thoughtful journey through scripture, reflection, and prayer, helping you prepare your heart for Easter. Whether you're studying alone or with a group, this study explores themes of repentance, renewal, and God's grace, with daily readings, devotional prompts, and discussion questions to guide your spiritual growth. Strengthen your faith and engage with the Lenten season in a meaningful way. **Order your PC (USA) Lenten Bible Study online now** (scan the QR Code) and make this Lent a time of transformation and deeper connection with God!



Facilities Committee

Facilities is excited to share that in the month of February we have had new LED stage lighting installed in the sanctuary, have put new clear acrylic corners on the countertops in the kitchen and we have installed a water recirculator under the triple sink in the kitchen that allows us to have hot water in 1/3 of the time saving us water, money and time!!

For hot water in the kitchen:

1. Turn both faucets on, on hot
2. Wait 3 – 5 minutes & enjoy!!

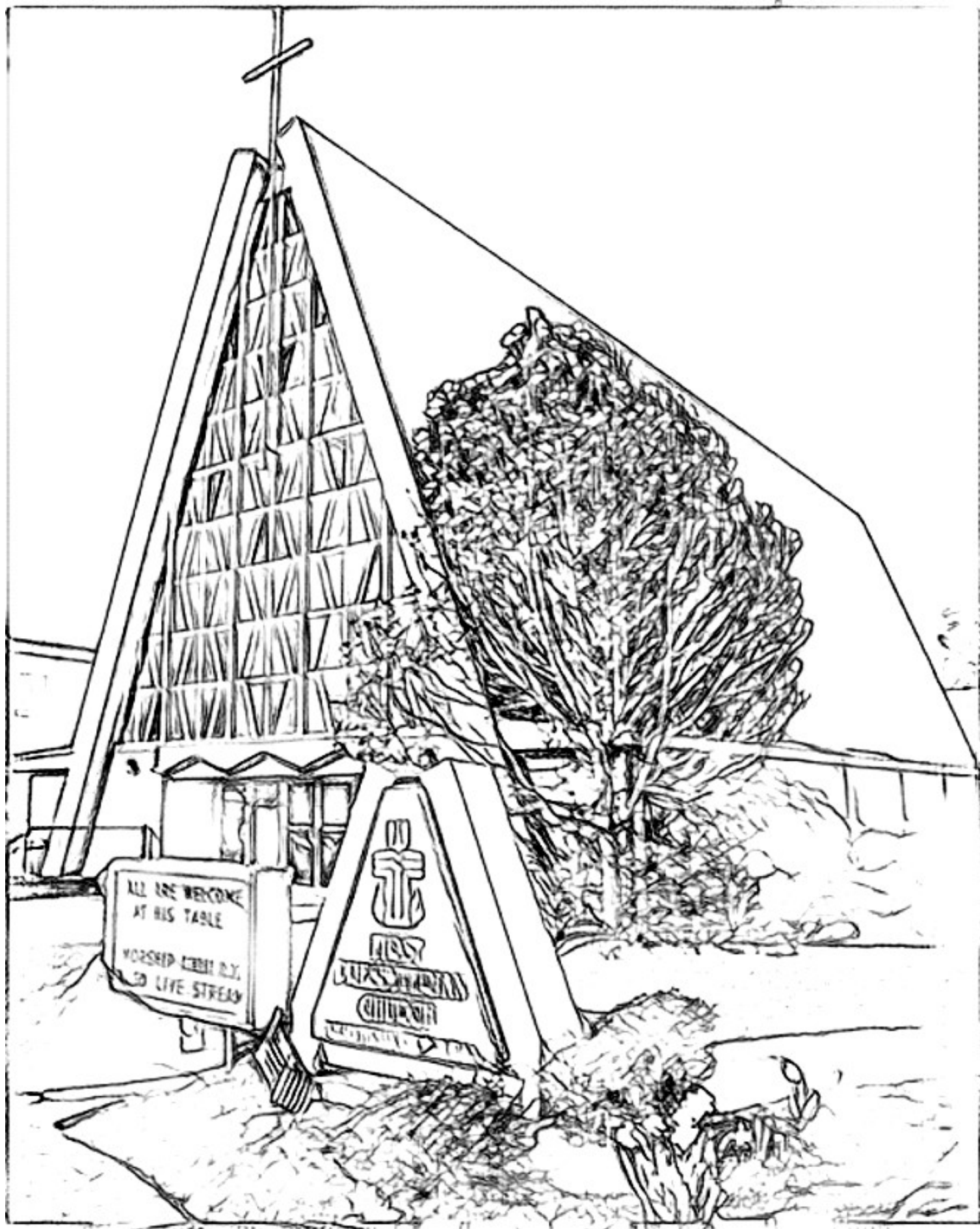
Do you know of other things that need attention in regards to our facility? Let Scott Byrd, Julie Giltner, or Galen Stark know – we can't fix it if we don't know about it!

Home Communion Server Needed!

We try to serve communion every month to our church members who are home bound. Starting in March, we are adding 3 new members to our list of those needing home communion. We are in dire need of help as it requires two people to serve. If you have been a deacon or elder and you can donate 2 hours at the beginning of the month, we can use your help.

Please email Robin Warren at bobandrobin@yahoo.com or the FPC office.

FPC Coloring Page!



For Sale!

Straight from the Youth Room, we are having a First Come, First Serve sale for three used guitars, and a Breville Espresso Machine



Fender
Gemini II
\$100



Decca
DMI-245
\$50



Yamaha
G-50A
\$100



Breville
Espresso Machine
\$350
* Accessories

If you have any interest in these items, contact Katie (253-426-5057 or katiewolf@fpcpuyallup.org) for payment and pickup



Sunday, March 23, 12:30 PM



Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of excitement, camaraderie, and the thrill of the win at Bingo! Get your dabbers ready and mark your calendars for an afternoon filled with anticipation and fun!

All proceeds benefit the Youth Mission Trip

\$5 FOR 10 CARDS

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SPRING YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR

MARCH

March 2- Youth Group
March 9- Youth Group
March 16- no youth group
March 23- Bingo
March 30- Youth Group

APRIL

April 6- Youth Sunday Practice
April 13- Mission Meeting
April 20- Easter Egg Hunt (no youth group)
April 27- Youth Sunday

MAY

May 4- no youth group
May 11- no youth group
May 18- Mission Meeting
May 24- Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser



In today’s world, social media has become an important tool for staying connected, especially for our church community. Platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube allow us to share uplifting messages, updates, and events, and connect with one another, even when we can’t be together in person. By engaging with our church’s social media accounts, you can help spread the good news and encourage others. To show your support, simply “like” or “follow” our church on Facebook and Instagram to stay informed about upcoming events and activities. On YouTube, make sure to “subscribe” to our channel so you never miss a sermon or inspirational video. Each click helps extend our reach and build a stronger, more connected community. Don't worry if you're unsure how to do this—our younger members can always assist you in getting started!



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