

First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup

The Chimes

June 2025

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Opportunities

By Pastor Tom Paine

Isaiah 58

6 Is not this the fast that I choose:

to loose the bonds of injustice,

to undo the straps of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free,

and to break every yoke?

7 Is it not to share your bread with the hungry

and bring the homeless poor into your house;

when you see the naked, to cover them

and not to hide yourself from your own kin?



Isaiah 58:7

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Have you heard of New Hope? I am sure many of you have. It is a local charity that feeds people who don't have enough to make ends meet. They also provide resource referrals, a day shelter where unhoused people find a safe gathering place; housing, rehab and counseling referrals; and volunteers who can listen and learn from their stories.

We help with the feeding. Pat Grosse-Walton, Phyllis Smith, Sue Johnson, and Jan Blanchard invited John, Lesley, and I to help recently, and it was a wonderful experience. You not only get to serve food, but you can also talk with and get to know people in the community. Some of them don't have a permanent home.

This is First Presbyterian truly living out the call to be a Matthew 25 congregation. It takes about two hours and is on Thursday mornings twice a month. You can check with any of the members listed above for when the next opportunity will be.

I have served in six presbyteries and many churches over the years, and it is ministries like this that I believe truly blesses both those who receive and those who give. I hope you can contribute your time in the months ahead.

Scriptures for June

June 1

7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 16: 16-34

Psalm 97

2 Kings 2:1-15

Psalm 2

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

John 17:20-26

June 8

Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21

Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17, 25-27

June 15

Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

Psalm 8

Romans 5:1-5

John 16:12-15

June 22

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

1 Kings 19:1-4, 5-7, 8-15a

Psalm 42, 43

Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalm 22:19-28

Galatians 3:23-29

Luke 8:26-39

June 29

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20

1 Kings 19:15-26, 19-21

Psalm 16

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Luke 9:51-62

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

Bread for the World's Offering of Letters

Bread for the World is a Christian advocacy organization that teaches people how to ask our elected leaders to work for a world without hunger. We are encouraged to write letters and emails to these leaders asking for their support for programs and policies aimed at ending hunger in the US and the world. On their website, www.bread.org or scan the QR code below, they have information on how to contact your senators and representatives, and assistance on what to tell them. If you have never sent a letter advocating a position, this is a good way to start. Contact Pat for more information at grossiewalton@gmail.com.



Graduates!

This year we are so excited to honor three of our high schoolers in their graduation! The youth group and CE are so excited to celebrate these young adults at our grad breakfast! If you want to spend time celebrating these accomplishments, you can find the open house information below

Margo Hermann— Graduation Open House on June 14th @ 12-4pm

Nathan Toomey—Graduation Open House on June 7 from 12-5pm.
RSVP to Heather (253) 228-4032

Logan McKnight— Graduation Open House on June 21st from 1-4pm
at 2705 185th Ave E, Lake Tapps. RSVP to Nicole at (253) 335-0055

Second Town Hall– June 22nd

Save the date . . . Sunday, June 22, 2025. After worship, we will convene a congregational meeting to elect members for our nominating committee. Their task will be to find members to fill the roles of Deacon and Elder for our congregation. After that concludes, the Mission Study Group, who is working on the first phase of our search for a new pastor, will hold our second Town Hall meeting. We will discuss what we learned at our May 18 th Town Hall meeting and the responses that we received. This will be an interesting and informative time.

Questions? Contact Pat: grossiewalton@gmail.com, Cheryl: auntcookieh@comcast.net, or Sally: sallyzeigerhanson@gmail.com.

Men's Breakfast

The Christian Education committee is hosting a men's breakfast each third Saturday of the month. We will have food fellowship and a speaker with a message. Mark your calendars. Please let Bill Klouse know you are joining us at klouseb@gmail.com

Our next meeting will be June 21 at 8am. Breakfast will be at Crockett's.

Each guest will pay their own check.

See you there!

Todd Giltner's Retirement Open House

Join Todd and Julie at Keys on Main– Tacoma to celebrate Todd's retirement!

The party starts at 3pm, Sunday June 22nd!

Community and Global Discipleship Book Study

The C&GD Committee is announcing a book study this coming Fall. We will be discussing the book

Poverty By America, by Matthew Desmond.

This book looks at the forces that keep the poor in that situation, and how it could be changed. It is available at book stores or on line. Discussion times are to be announced as we get closer to Fall. Contact Pat with any questions.

Thanks to all our Volunteers!

The Community and Global Discipleship Committee would like to thank all the folks who helped bag the weekend lunches for the students in the ECEAP preschool that meets in our building.

Our volunteers put in time and effort so that these little ones, many of whom come from food insecure families, can have a nutritious lunch when they are at home.

Our next bagging date will be just before school begins again, time and date to be announced in August.

Again, thank you. It is so good to join with others in being the hands and feet of Jesus in our world today.

Bags of Grace

There are many people in our community who are without housing and without any way to get what they need to survive. We often see them begging on the streets. At this time, we are limited in our ability to help them obtain sustainable shelter. Bags of Grace is not an answer to the problem, however, it is a way to help the homeless endure another day.

We ask the congregation to donate items such as socks, emergency blankets, and first aid supplies. Then we gather to put the bags together. We invite the congregation to give them to people in need.

Our spring/summer list of needed items are listed below. We usually aim to fill 100 bags. You do not have to donate 100 of an item. Any amount is gratefully accepted. Our Amazon link can be found through the QR code before. Please have all items to the church by Wednesday, June 25, 2025.

On Saturday, June 28, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am to set up the tables and put together the smaller first aid bags. On Sunday, June 29, 2025, after worship, in the Fellowship Hall, we will put together the larger bags.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Pat Walton (grossiewalton@gmail.com).

Small bottle of water
Granola bars
Tuna or chicken & cracker packs
Fruit cups or applesauce pouches
Single serving snacks like trail mix, nuts, crackers, Goldfish, cookies
Gallon sized zip lock bag
Quart or sandwich sized zip lock bag
Socks – Cotton, acrylic or wool blend
Wet wipes (2 packets)
Packet of tissues

Toothpaste and toothbrush
Individually-wrapped rain poncho
Emergency blanket
Nail clippers
Sunscreen – small travel size
Lip balm
10-12 Band-Aids
Small packets of antibiotic ointment
Small (travel size) tube of lotion
Cotton swabs (5 per bag)
Safety pins – 3 and 4 inch
Small notepad and golf pencil



Pentecost Offering 2025

After Easter, we look forward to Pentecost. It is the birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit was poured out on the followers of Jesus. The Spirit is still with us, in this time and in the future.

The Pentecost Offering looks to the future, to the youth and children who are and will follow Jesus. The offering helps fund the ministries and initiatives aimed at this important group.

For example, 10% of the offering supports “Educate a child, transform the World.” The goal of this initiative is to motivate and inspire us to better the lives of children by working and advocating to ensure equitable, accessible, quality public education for all children. 25% supports ministries for youth, ages 12 to 18, and those who guide them. 25% goes to Young Adult Volunteer program, for young adults ages 19 to 30. This program is an ecumenical, faith-based year of service, in sites across the United States and around the world. These young adults accompany local agencies working to address - root causes of poverty and ways of reconciliation.

40% of the offering will remain with our congregation to support ministries with children and youth in our church and local community. In past years, we have given our 40% to community groups who work with and aid at risk youth. Might you have a suggestion of a ministry that would benefit from the portion we retain? Let the Community and Global Discipleship Committee know. You can speak to Pat Walton, Committee Elder. We will be receiving this offering on Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025. And, as we say with all the special offerings – please give generously - when we all do a little, it adds up to a lot.