

The Chimes

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In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:16

Youth Mission Report By Katie Eatherly

We stall while we wait for the grand gesture – to speak to thousands, to touch the masses, to travel to a foreign land. But can we walk across the street and talk to our neighbor?

Can we shelter our unsheltered? Serve the underserved? Acknowledge the stigmatized? Can we feed our hungry neighbors? Jesus' example for us was often the opposite of the grand gesture. He held a child. He ate fish with his friends around a campfire. He touched a leper when no one else would. He discussed the Scriptures in the temple. And every one of those simple gestures had a profound impact.

How can we be more intentional in the mission to which God has called us?

While we were immersed in the community surrounding The Campbell Farm– our youth kids explored this exact question. We had the privilege of supporting the Yakima Tribe at each level, from food distribution in partnership with NW Harvest, food bank support at the Toppenish Food Bank, to handing individuals meals in the street with Campbell Farms feeding program.

The feeding program at Campbell Farm is not just an act of generosity—it is, quite literally, a lifeline for many families in the Yakima Nation. Operating Monday through Thursday, the program ensures that every child and elder in a household receives at least one meal a day. For many of these individuals, it's the only food they will see that day.

The stories Carly and Mattie brought back weren't just eye-opening—they were heartbreaking and urgent. They shared stories of children—some naked or barely clothed—playing in the streets without supervision. In too many homes, there were no adults present, and no food in the house, just children caring for younger siblings and waiting for the one meal they knew would come from the farm's van. It was a sobering reminder of the vulnerability these children live with every single day.

This kind of generational vulnerability has only deepened in the wake of COVID-19, which devastated many Native communities. On the Yakima Reservation, where extended families often live together in multi-generational homes, the pandemic not only caused widespread illness but tore apart the family support systems that once helped care for children. Grandparents—who often functioned as the primary caregivers—were lost at alarming rates, leaving children without the guidance, protection, or structure they so desperately need. In many cases, it's now older siblings, sometimes just barely school-aged themselves, who are trying to fill the void. Hearing these stories gave our team a renewed sense of urgency and purpose. It reframed our service—from bagging rice or pulling weeds—to something much bigger: standing in solidarity with a community in crisis. It affirmed that our presence wasn't just helpful; it was essential. We weren't just volunteering—we were answering a call to compassion, to justice, and to human dignity.



SCRIPTURE FOR AUGUST

AUGUST 3

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Hosea 11:1-11

Psalms 107:1-9, 43

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

Psalms 49:1-12

Colossians 3:1-11

Luke 12:13-21

AUGUST 10

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

Psalms 50:1-8, 22-23

Genesis 15:1-6

Psalms 33:12-22

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Luke 12:32-40

AUGUST 17

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 5:1-7

Psalms 80:1-2, 8-19

Jeremiah 23:23-29

Psalms 82

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

Luke 12:49-56

AUGUST 24

11th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Psalms 71:1-6

Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalms 103:1-8

Hebrews 12:18-29

Luke 13:10-17

AUGUST 31

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Jeremiah 2:4-13

Psalms 81:1, 10-16

Proverbs 25:6-7

Psalms 112

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Luke 14:1, 7-14

Men's Breakfast

Join the men of First Pres every Third Saturday of the month for a time of fellowship. Featuring a new guest speaker each month. The next meeting is August 16 at 8 am. The group meets at Crockett's in Puyallup. Each guest pays for their own check. See you there!

Mission Committee Book Study

Join the Mission Committee in their Fall Book Study for "Poverty by America" written by Matthew Desmond. This book looks at the forces that keep the poor trapped in poverty and how it could be changed. Book to be purchased on your own, online or in stores.

Week one August 17 9am FPC Parlor or August 20 6:30pm via zoom

Week two August 24 9am FPC Parlor or August 27 6:30pm via zoom

Coffee Hour with the Pastor

Join the Pastor all summer long at 9am in the parlor for coffee hour. This is an informal free flow discussion on any topic. Feel free to bring up any questions or whatever is on your mind. This coffee hour will run June 22-August 31st. We hope to see you there!

Pasta and Paint

We are back at it with our fellowship painting events! Join us after service on August 24th. Create your own Bob Ross landscape to take home after a delicious pasta lunch!



Personnel, Stewardship, and Finance

Stewardship in the Christian life is about faithfully managing the resources, relationships, and responsibilities God has entrusted to us. Biblical stewardship encourages us to use everything wisely, serving God and others. 2 Corinthians 9:7 states, "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

Because our stewardship season is coming soon, Personnel, Stewardship and Finance Committee is asking you to begin praying about your financial promise to the church for 2026. Remember, to continue our current program offerings and to call a new pastor will take approximately \$20,000 in additional funds.

Throughout the summer, PSF is also encouraging you to stay current on your 2025 financial pledge. At this time, our goal is 50% and pledges are at 45.3% while expenses are at 44%. 1 Peter 4:10 says, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms."

Thank you for supporting the work of FPC.

Faith in Action 2025

Save the dates – Saturday, October 5 and Sunday, October 6, 2025. We will be doing service projects for the people in our community, and beyond. Plans are being made now. There are five churches participating this year: First Presbyterian, Shepherd of the Hill, Peace Lutheran, Immanuel Lutheran and United Methodist church. Some of the items being planned are: cleaning up parking lots of area non-profit organizations, making personal care kits, and making Bags of Grace. On Sunday evening we will have worship and dinner together. This will be a great time to help our community and get to know our sisters and brothers in Christ. Questions? Concerns? Ask Phyllis or Pat.

Home Communion Servers Needed

There are many church members who are unable to make it to church on Sunday mornings. We want to ensure we are still serving these community members and one way we do this is through serving home communion. We are in need of additional servers– anyone can do this and it takes less than one hour per month. Contact Robbin to sign up– bobandrobbin@yahoo.com

Congregational Worship Life Potluck

Join us after worship on Sunday, August 10th for a joyful time of fellowship, food, and connection at our Congregational Worship Life Potluck! Bring a dish to share—whether it's a cherished family recipe, a summertime favorite, or your go-to comfort food. From casseroles and salads to desserts and everything in between, we'll have a table full of delicious offerings and an even fuller sense of community. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather as a church family, welcome new faces, and celebrate the life we share together in Christ. All are welcome—invite friends, neighbors, and guests! There's always room at the table.



Thursday Water Slide Party



Bros Ready for Devotionals

NW Harvest Service Day



Yakima
Museum



Group Prayer

FPC Free Food Pantry

At the corner of hope and hospitality, a small wooden box with a simple sign now stands near the entrance of First Presbyterian Church—a Free Food Pantry. Modest in size but overflowing with purpose, this pantry is a new chapter in our congregation's story of love in action.

Take what you need. Leave what you can.

The pantry is for anyone—neighbors experiencing food insecurity, families in between paychecks, or someone who simply forgot an item at the store. And in this small, sturdy box is an invitation for all of us to practice radical generosity.

But keeping the pantry stocked is not the work of one person or one committee. It is a shared effort—one that we as a church family and broader community can embrace together. You can help by:

- Adding a few extra items to your grocery cart—non-perishables like peanut butter, rice, pasta, granola bars, canned soups, or toiletries.
- Bringing donations on Sundays or during the week and placing them directly in the pantry or in the designated bin inside the church.
- Spreading the word to friends, neighbors, and local groups who might want to support the effort.
- Praying for the pantry and those who use it, that it may be a source not just of food, but of comfort and hope.

As Proverbs 22:9 reminds us, *"The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor."* In a world where many go unseen and unheard, this pantry reminds us that compassion is best shown in daily, tangible acts.

The FPC Free Food Pantry is more than a box. It's a symbol of our commitment to serve, love, and nourish our community. Together, we can keep its shelves full and its message loud: *God's love is shared here*



Schedule for Pastors at FPC

Pastor Tom Paine can be reached at 253-368-4449

Sun 9-3, Mon on call, Tues-Thu 9-5, Fri-Sat off except emergencies

Pastor Preston Woodall is on call Friday and Saturdays can be reached at 253-441-1762