



First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup

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“It is more blessed to give than to receive” Acts 20:35

Our church family here at FPC and Bates College Early Childhood Education Assistance Program (ECEAP) has a long tradition and partnership. Preschoolers in this program are ages 3-5 and at risk for any of a variety of reasons, medical, financial, foster care, ELL (English Language Learners), etc. This time of year is magical and exciting for most families. Some families have a support system and get through the season well. Other families can provide abundant love but struggle to provide extra items beyond basic needs.

The Deacons have requested information for 15 children in the preschool as well as siblings so that all children in a family get 3 gifts - an item of clothing, a toy and a book. This year the Giving Tree will be up for 3 Sundays in November: the 16th, 23rd and 30th. We will have tags on the tree starting Sunday November 16th. The tag will have the first name of the child, the gender of the child, the child's age and information for selecting a gift like, size and favorite color for clothing, or hints like “loves Paw Patrol” or “super heroes or princesses!!!” You will take the tag, shop for the item, and return the unwrapped item with the tag by Sunday December 7th. The Deacons will wrap the items and box all gifts by family group for the Preschool Administrator to deliver to the family.

This is happening in November this year as the Deacons will have to wrap all the presents by Tuesday December 9th. We are a generous congregation and I'm sure we can do this as we always have!!! Thanks in advance for making this a magical time of year for all our children!!!

DIY Bags of Grace

Men's Breakfast

On Saturday, November 15th, the men of FPC will gather at Crockett's at 8am for a time of fellowship with a word from a guest speaker.

Thank you to all of you who donated items for the Bags of Grace, and everyone who helped us put them together. We are down to our last few bags from our Faith In Action weekend.

Our next planned time for making more Bags of Grace will be in January, the actual date to be decided. We will ask for donations for the bags through December.

Meanwhile, we encourage you to make your own. Imagine that you are homeless, with little or no access to a microwave oven. What would you like to receive?

Some good things to put into the gallon sized zip lock bag:

* Water

*Non-perishable food items, single serve, in easy to open packaging, such as: Granola bars, Tuna or chicken & cracker packs, Fruit cups or pouches, Single serving snacks like trail mix, nuts, crackers, Goldfish, cookies

* Wet wipes (2 packets) Packet of tissues

* 8 - 10 band-aids Toothpaste and toothbrush

* Lip balm

Also, consider donating items to the Free Food Pantry. That is another place for those in need to find food.

Thank you all for being willing to help the least of these, our sisters and brothers.

PSF Committee

The PSF Committee would like to thank you for supporting FPC Church through "A Season of Change" stewardship campaign. We have been changing over the last year and will continue to change in 2026 as we call a new pastor. Our goal for this campaign is \$340,000 for our operating budget. In the next few weeks, the committee will compile the financial pledges and will determine the budget for 2026. If you do not return your pledge card, you will receive a phone call from Look for the final numbers on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Thank you for your commitment to time and talent too. The Participation pledges will be shared with the appropriate Session Committee. Your support of the ministries of the church is important and greatly appreciated.

At the end of September, 75% of the fiscal year has passed. Our expenses for three quarters of the year are at 60% and our income is 68%. The PSF Committee encourages you to keep your pledges up to date as the year end approaches.

Weekend Snack Bag Assembly

It is the time of the year where The Mission Committee is preparing to assemble weekend healthy snack bags for children enrolled in the ECEAP. These bags help ensure that children have access to nutritious snacks over the weekend when school meals are not available.

We invite all members and friends to participate in this meaningful project .

Join us at this time:

Thursday, November 13, 9:30 am in the FPC Library



All Saints

All Saints' Day, celebrated November 1 in Western Christianity, honors all Christians, known and unknown, who have lived holy lives. It is a time for Christians to remember and give thanks for the examples of faith set by these individuals. We will recognize this on Sunday, November 2, during worship.

Did someone live out their lives in a way that helped increase your faith or the faith of others? Send their name in to the church office before October 28, and we will print their name in a special insert to the bulletin, as well as call out their name and ring a chime in their memory.