



First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup
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THE CHIMES

OFFICE HOURS

9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.,
Monday through Friday

February 2026

From Pastor Tom Paine

New Ministry This Month

Puyallup United Methodist Church is testing a new ministry. They are trying to provide lunches for people who are food insecure in the month of February on Sundays since there are no sources of food for the homeless on Sundays. They asked us to use our parking lot. They will begin setting up at 12:15 p.m. on February 1, 8, 15, and 22. They will start serving at 12:30 p.m. and wrap up at 2:00 p.m. They invite anyone who wants to help to join in. If you are staying at the church past 12:15 p.m. in February, if you can park on the street instead of in the parking lot, it would be helpful.

What is Lent?

Lent is a forty-day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving observed by Christians in preparation for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday, commemorating the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. During Lent, many Christians engage in practices of repentance, moderation, and self-denial to reflect on Jesus Christ's suffering and sacrifice. The season is often characterized by a spirit of penitential preparation and is marked by various traditions and observances.

Ash Wednesday

On February 18, Lent begins. We will have a brief Ash Wednesday service in our sanctuary where we will read Scripture, reflect on it, and have the imposition of Ashes. The service will last approximately twenty minutes. If people want the imposition of Ashes but can't come at noon, they can stop by the church anytime from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 pm.

Mark Your Calendars

This year we will be observing Maundy Thursday at Puyallup United Methodist Church on April 2 at 6:00 p.m. We will have a joint choir, observe communion, and mark this important day of Holy Week. On April 3, we will join in with our Lutheran and Catholic neighbors to observe the Cross Walk. More details will come but it will be in the mid afternoon.

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women's study group offers a welcoming environment where women can come together to deepen their understanding of the Word of God and build lasting friendship.

These gatherings provide spiritual nourishment, personal growth, and a sense of community.

PW Coordinating Team Tuesday, February 3 at 1:30pm in the Parlor

PW Lunch Friday, February 6 at 12 noon in the Fellowship Hall

PW Circle Study Thursday, February 19 at noon in the Parlor

Get Involved and Learn More About Our Church Community

Are you interested in discovering more about our church? Would you like to become more engaged with our congregation? If you are considering becoming a member, we encourage you to join our upcoming new member class. Classes will be held February 1, 8 and 22 after worship.

This special class is designed for anyone who wants to learn more about our church, its beliefs, and how you can become an active part of our community. Whether you are new to the area, exploring your faith journey, or ready to deepen your commitment, this class is a great opportunity to connect and grow. See Pastor Tom for more details.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

We invite all men to join us for our monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast at Crockett's, located on Main Street in Puyallup.

This is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a hearty breakfast, connect with friends new and old, and grow together in faith.

February 28th at 8 am

Service Opportunity

All are welcome to join the Mission Commission as we pack bags of healthy food for our Bates preschool students. Join us in the FPC Library on Thursday, February 19th at 9:30 am.

Adult Bible Study

Are you looking for an opportunity to deepen your understanding of scripture and connect with fellow members of our church community?

We invite all adults to join us every Sunday morning 9:00am for Adult Bible Study in the FPC Parlor.

You are invited to the Zoom Bible Study with Pastor Tom each Wednesday at 9:30 am on link below

February 1	February 8	February 15	February 22
Micah 6:1-8	Isaiah 58:1-12	Exodus 24:12-18	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7
Psalms 15	Psalms 112:1-10	Psalms 2	Psalms 32
1 Corinthians 1:18-31	1 Corinthians 2:1-16	2 Peter 1:16-21	Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 5:1-12	Matthew 5:13-20	Matthew 17:1-9	Matthew 4:1-11

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BIRTHDAY OFFERING

Presbyterian Women

Since 1922, Presbyterian women have facilitated a long succession of new, often innovative mission projects through the annual Birthday Offering. Women are encouraged to give as they have been blessed, generously and as led by the Holy Spirit.



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Presbyterian Women in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)



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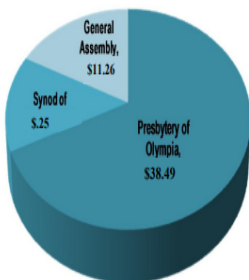
Since 1922, the Birthday Offering has provided and continues to provide much-needed financial assistance to numerous worthwhile programs not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support. Each year, as many as five new projects-domestic and international-are carefully and prayerfully selected by the Creative Ministries Offering Committee to help meet a crucial need for persons who are hurting or are disadvantaged. The generosity of Presbyterian women and their families and congregations, as demonstrated through their Birthday Offering gifts, helps chosen recipients find real solutions for projects related to health, education, economic development and the needs of women and children.

F.A.Q. About Per Capita

Presbyterians have used per capita apportionments for over 150 years to mutually share the costs of coming together to discern where God is leading us.

What is Per Capita?

In a nutshell: Per capita is a set amount of money (apportionment) per member that congregations pay to the larger Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Said another way, it is a Presbyterian Covenant Community Fund — part of the glue that holds Presbyterians together. Because every Presbyterian shares in the benefit of the PC(USA)'s system of government, the expenses associated with coordinating and performing the functions of that system should be shared by everyone as well.



Who pays per capita, and how much?

Congregations pay an annual amount of money per church member to their respective presbyteries.

The per capita amount requested from a congregation is a combined total of requests from that congregation's presbytery, the synod in which the presbytery is located, and the General Assembly — based on their respective budgets for the coming year.

First Presbyterian Church of Puyallup is asked by the Presbytery of Olympia to pay a total of \$50.00 per member. That amount breaks down as follows:

Presbytery of Olympia is \$38.49
Synod of Alaska/Northwest \$25
General Assembly \$11.26

How old is per capita?

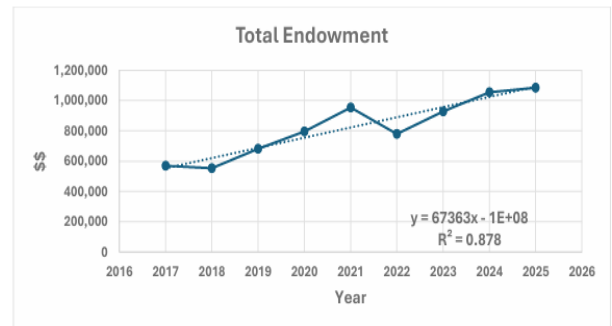
The first-known mention of per capita dates back to 1734 in a letter to ministers!

For more information about Per Capita, visit <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/departments/per-capita/>

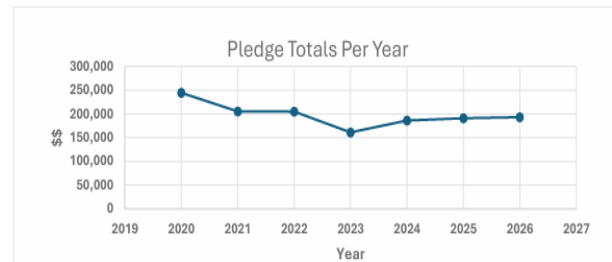
PERSONNEL STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE

JANUARY 2026



Relying on FPC's Endowment Funds to balance the annual budget has been a concern for our committee and for many of you too. The below plot relates to Endowment Funds outside of Scholarship funds. The dotted regression line indicates, on average, over nearly 10 years, funds have gained approximately \$67,000 per year. Total funds have nearly doubled.



The graph below is the Stewardship Pledge Totals for the last 7 years. The pledge totals declined from the time of COVID. However, in recent years, totals are on the rise again. In the Stewardship Campaign for 2026, 39 units pledged \$193,000.



FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9am Adult Sunday School 9:00 Praise Team /Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:45am New Member Class 1:30pm PVC Recital 6:00 pm Living Free	2	3 1:30pm PW Coordinating 5-9pm PVC Recital 6:30pm Committee Meetings various locations	4 9:30 am Bible Study Zoom 6:30pm Green Book	5 10:00am South Hill Artist 6:00 AA, ALANON , ALATEEN 6:00 pm TOPS 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm Choir	6 12:00pm Presbyterian Women's Lunch	7 8:00am A.A. SOS
8 9am Adult Sunday School 9:00 Praise Team /Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:45am New Member Class 6:00 pm Living Free (AA)	9	10 9am CE Committee 9am PVC Meeting 10:30 New Hope Meal Prep  6:30pm Deacon Meeting	11 9:30 am Bible Study Zoom 6:30pm Green Book	12 6:00 AA, ALANON , ALATEEN 6:00 pm TOPS 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm Choir	13	14 8:00am A.A. SOS
15 9am Adult Sunday School 9:00 Praise Team /Choir 10:30am Worship 12noon Session 6:00 pm Living Free (AA)	16 PRESIDENTS' DAY OFFICE CLOSED	17	18 9:30 am Bible Study Zoom 12 noon Ash Wednesday Service 6:30pm Green Book	19 9:30am Food for Kids Bagging Event 12noon PW Circle 6:00 AA, ALANON , ALATEEN 6:00 pm TOPS 6pm Praise Team	20 PVC Winterfest 4-9pm	21 8:00am A.A. SOS PVC Winterfest 10am-4pm
22 9am Adult Sunday School 9:00 Praise Team /Choir 10:30 am Worship 11:45am New Member Class PVC Winterfest 1pm	23	24 10:30 New Hope Meal Prep  6:30pm PW Eve Circle	25 9:30 am Bible Study Zoom 6:30pm Green Book	26 6:00 AA, ALANON , ALATEEN 6:00 pm TOPS 6pm Praise Team 6:30pm Choir	27	28 8:00am A.A. SOS 8:00am Men's Breakfast at Crockett's with guest speaker Reverend Irvin Porter

AS FAITHFUL DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST WE

REACH UP TO GOD



REACH OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE

