

SEPTEMBER 2019

THE CURRENT

North Creek Presbyterian Church

SEPTEMBER SERMON SERIES

September 1

ALL THAT CHRIST CREATED YOU TO BE

Ephesians 3:14-19, 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

NO MINOR THING: JOINING JESUS IN THE LIVES OF TEENAGERS

September 8

WE ARE ALL TEENS

Jeremiah 1:4-10

September 15

JESUS THE HIGH SCHOOLER

Acts 20:7-12

September 22

BEYOND THE WALLS

Luke 7:11-17

September 29

CENTRIPETAL FORCE

Romans 12:1-8

THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE

September 2- Labor Day- Office Closed

September 8- Fall Kickoff Sunday

September 8- Youth as Mission Class Begins

September 15- Honduras Pancake Breakfast

September 20-22- BrakeAway Fall Youth Retreat

September 20- Friday Night Lights Field Trips

September 22- Pizza with the Pastor

September 27- Friday Night Lights Field Trips

September 28- Breath of Aire + Tall Timber Benefit Concert

September 28- New Member Class Begins

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WHEN JESUS SAW THE CROWDS...

One of the most concise descriptions of the ministry of Jesus can be found in Matthew 9, verses 35-38:

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching,...proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them... Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Notice the crowds of people, and Jesus' personal interest in their well-being. A remarkable thing has happened in our community, right before our very eyes. Within our neighborhoods, an increasing crowd of teenagers – and soon-to-be teens – has emerged. If Jesus saw the crowds around Mill Creek today, he'd see people from all generations. But one thing he'd notice is increasing numbers of young people. Consider these snapshots of a community with a growing crowd of children and teens:

- Henry M. Jackson ("Jackson") High School in Mill Creek has more students than ever in its 25-year history, operating significantly beyond its capacity...and there's no more room for portable classrooms! To reduce overcrowding, next year some of our community's students will be shifted in a northerly direction: some who attended Jackson will be sent to Cascade HS in South Everett, and some Cascade HS students will be sent north to Everett HS. It's clear this is only a short-term fix to a long-term challenge.
- In 2017, the Northshore School District built a brand-new high school off 180th Street just 4.5 miles away from NCPC. We share a name with that school – North Creek – and it is now operating near full capacity, having graduated their first senior class in June of this year.



- Until recently, the Edmonds School District operated two schools for teens that flanked Alderwood Mall – Lynnwood HS to the north & Alderwood MS to the Southeast. Today, after rebuilding the schools in new locations in the direction of Mill Creek, both schools are closer to NCPC than Jackson HS!

Recognizing this emerging crowd in our midst brings up a question: *"What is Jesus up to with these young lives, and how is he inviting NCPC to join him in his ministry?"* Your Session has discerned that this is one of the most important mission fields for us to consider, and so this fall we're focusing on it congregation-wide. This month, get ready for:

- A sermon-series in September focusing on "Teens and Jesus."
- A Sunday 9am class that will report on the current status of the youth mission field and explore opportunities for our congregation.
- Field trips to bring young lives into our field of view ... and into our prayers.
- A Wednesday youth group experience designed to integrate this new "youth as mission" reality into our strong tradition of youth ministry.

We can count on this – Jesus is present in our community, and he sees the crowds. And we can hear him say *"the harvest is plentiful."*

Joyfully in Christ,

PASTOR KURT



YOUTH AS MISSION: A FIELD REPORT



Join us for a five-week class where we'll learn what God is doing in our neighborhood to reach teenagers with His love in Jesus Christ...and how we might join in on what the Holy Spirit is doing! Our guests will include local school leaders and missionaries who'll paint a picture of what life looks like for youth in our community.

Learn more about them below!

September 8 – **Kurt Helmcke**- *B.A. Sociology, Whitworth College*
Surveying the Territory

“Look all around you and see what is real” – exploring our community’s fascinating youth mission field.

September 15 – **Dave Peters**- *Principal, Henry M. Jackson High School*
View from the Principal’s Office

We welcome Principal Peters as he shares with us what the youth scene in our community looks like from his perspective, and how churches might partner with schools for the common good.

September 22 – **Don Lichty**- *School Administrator* & **Pat Lichty**- *School Counselor*.
New Dimensions of a Time-Honored Journey

Don and Pat will share insights on the adolescent growth process from their work in student development that spanned generations.

September 29 – **Brittany Francke**- *Young Life Everett* (hosted by Tiffany & Tal Anderson)
Following Jesus into Young Lives

Brittany will help us understand the mission work of Young Life and others who are called to meet youth on their turf and share Christ’s love with them.

October 6 – **Student Panel**
First-hand Accounts

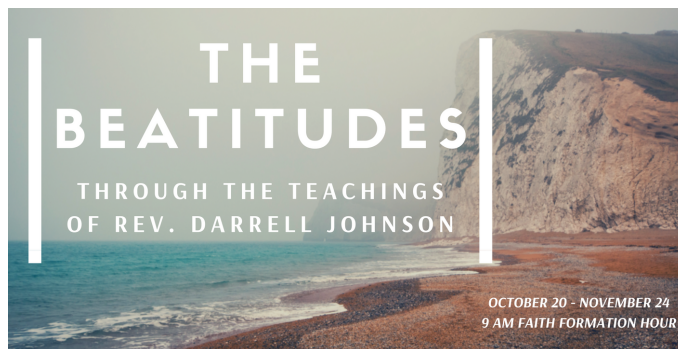
NCPC teens will share their experience of growing up in this community and growing in faith, helping us better understand what God is calling us to do in mission to and with youth.

Sign Up Here Today!

THE BEATITUDES

Beginning October 20, join us for our 9 am class on “The Beatitudes” from Matthew’s gospel. For six weeks, Rev. Dianna Kunce, Rev. Denise Easter, and Don Lichty will lead us through the Beatitudes, focusing on the written sermons of Rev. Darrell Johnson on that topic. Please sign up after worship on September 22, September 29, or October 6 to register and to order books for the class. We must order books by October 7; the cost will be \$15 per book.

Sign up coming soon!



TAMBARK CREEK ELEMENTARY BOOK DRIVE

This summer, Children's Ministry hosted a book drive for the new elementary school, Tambark Creek Elementary opening in Bothell near 180th st. We hosted this book drive in conjunction with our Summer Bible Camp program because we really wanted to teach kids the importance of serving others in a tangible way. So our book drive began as a mission project for kids to be a part of at SBC.

Each day of camp, kids contributed to the drive in a meaningful way. On Monday students made and passed out flyers for the book drive, on

Tuesday and Thursday, kids made bookmarks to give to the school along with the book drive. And on Wednesday kids sorted and boxed up all of the books that met the school requirements for the drive.

While we didn't count the number of books that we received for the book drive, we are going to be donating 16 boxes of books to the new school! These range from picture books, to early readers, to chapter books, non-fiction, and everything in between. None of this would be possible without your help! Most of our donations came from various members of our congregation along with some donations from those living in our community. Your generosity not only, will provide hours of entertainment, learning, and fun for many elementary students. It

also helped teach students at SBC the importance of serving and helping others. And the lesson that God wants us to be generous and sharing with everyone around us. This was a very successful project and it helped begin a partnership with a new local school. I am so for the work that God has done through NCPC this summer.

In Christ,

Nathan Wagner

Children's Ministry Director



MOPS

MOPS AT NORTH CREEK

Mothering Preschoolers is hard - don't live that #momlife alone. Whether you are a soon-to-be mom, first-time mom, seventh-time mom, an adoptive mom, step-mom or any other time of mom - you are welcome here at NCPC MOPS!

We highly recommend joining our group so moms can find time for themselves, give and get support, or just to make more friends. Breakfast and childcare provided every other Wednesday morning during the school year!

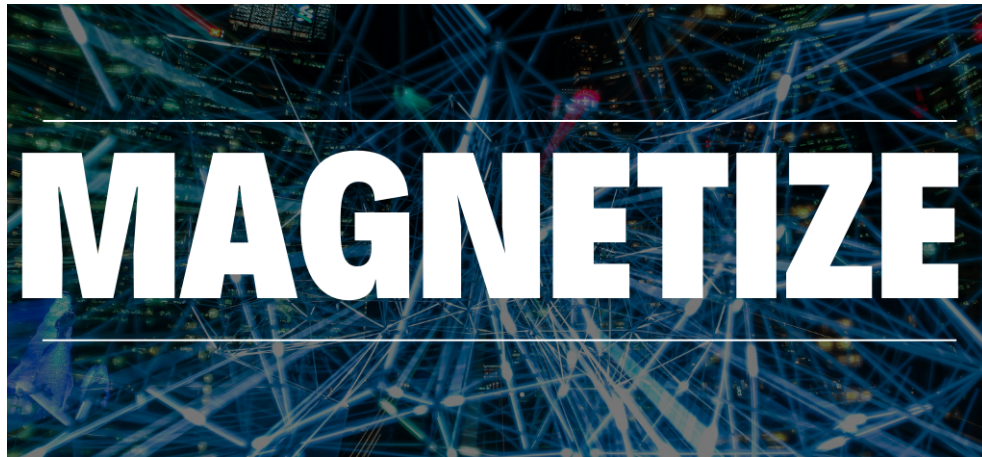
We are looking for volunteers for childcare too. If you have any questions, please message or call Jennifer at 275.275.2095.

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!

Do you enjoy playing with babies, toddlers or preschoolers?! The MOPS ministry needs you to care for our little ones during our meetings. The time commitment is 9:15am-11:45am every other Wednesday from September-May. Please contact Hannah Dal Maso, MOPS Kids Chair at 206.617.4587 or hdalmaso@gmail.com.



YOUTH FALL RETREAT



BrakeAway Fall Youth Retreat

This year's theme is "Magnetize!"

Jesus was a magnetic person – people were drawn to him, attracted to his words, curious about his actions. What would it look like if we allowed Jesus to captivate our attention & bring us close to his heart...like a magnet? Might Jesus magnetize us to help others come closer to God?

A special STEM-themed focus!

Details:

Friday – Sunday, September 20-22, 2019

(Contact Pastor Kurt if you'd like to participate partially if there are schedule conflicts)

Cost: \$130 (discounts and scholarships are available)

Registration Deadline: September 11, 2019

See the Youth Ministry website for flyer, registration form, and medical release form.

[Find them here!](#)

YOUTH GROUP WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

YOUTH, PARENTS, AND CONGREGATION INVITED!

This fall, our Wednesday night youth group is kicking-off the year with a five-week program that includes parents and any interested adult in the NCPC family.

We're engaging in a conversation about how our "Youth-as-Mission" congregational venture will integrate with our youth ministry program that has served our church families so well through the years.

During the first hour we'll all gather for a simple dinner, followed by a presentation on a strategic aspect of our congregation's youth ministry. For the second hour, students & advisors will enjoy fun and fellowship in the Youth Room, while Pastor Kurt will meet with the adults for further conversation and prayer.

Please join us!

Here's the schedule:

6:30 PM- Pizza & Salad Dinner (all together)

7:00 PM- PowerPoint Presentation (all together)

7:30 PM- Youth Games (Youth Room) / Adult Discussion (Fellowship Hall)

8:00 PM- Youth Worship & Prayer (Youth Room) / Adult Prayer Time (Fellowship Hall)

8:30 PM- Event Ends



NEWS & NOTES

A Thank You from the Facilities Team

Thank you to those of you who came and worked for our Lord's church and facility on August 24 to help beautify and ready it for fall.

Looking to Add New Greeters

As a Greeter you will be the first person our members, regular attenders and visitors see when they arrive for Faith Formation or the Worship Service. Your warm welcome will set the tone for a time of learning and worship. If you are interested or have questions contact Linda Carson – carsonlinda60@gmail.com or 206.818.6613.

Food Bank Donations Needed

Mill Creek Community food bank is in need of the following items: canned protein- tuna, chicken, spam & Vienna sausages; peanut butter; tomato pasta sauce; and rice.

Please leave donations in the red wagon in the narthex.

NCPC is Hiring

Interested in working at NCPC? The office is looking for a part-time office assistant to work between 10-20 hours per week. Find the application on [Indeed](#).

FAITH & MISSIONS EVENTS

RMNW Fall Prayer Retreat – “The Gift of Letting Go”

The Lord's Prayer will be utilized to ask God to let go of unforgiveness and “clear the ledger,” enabling us to forgive ourselves and others. Enjoy extended times for prayer alone with God to seek, receive, and extend God's forgiveness. Join us on Saturday, October 12, 2019 from 9:00–12:00 p.m. at North Creek Presbyterian Church. The cost is \$25. [For more information and registration visit \[www.renewalminnw.org\]\(http://www.renewalminnw.org\).](#)



BREATH OF AIRE
+
TALL TIMBER

Tall Timber Benefit Concert

The highly acclaimed choral group, Breathe of Aire will be performing at NCPC, Saturday September 28th, 6-8:30 pm. Tall Timber Camp has been around since 1956 and has been growing ever since. This Christian camp has had a focus on youth and families, spiritual growth, outdoor adventure and connecting with nature. This is a benefit concert for Tall Timber to continue to build and grow the scholarship fund and the camp. Please join us for an evening of music and praise.

[Get your free tickets here!](#)

Fellowship Feast Sign-Ups are Here!

The time to sign up for a Fellowship Feast starts now!

Whether you want to host or attend, the first step begins here. Instead of last round's automatic inclusion, this event is RSVP only, which means we need you to make it great! Follow the link below to sign up today, and await your assignments for later this season!

Happy Fall, Happy Fellowship, Happy Feasts!

[Click here to sign up today!](#)



PRAYER FOCUS

The horrible gun violence our country is suffering must stop. 2 Chronicles 7:14 has an answer: "If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and forgive their sin and heal their land." If we take the time to pray with those we differ with on causes and solutions, we may find ways we can agree with as we work together to resolve our common problem.

IGLESIA EN TRANSFORMACION PARTNERSHIP

We are very excited to be in the first year of our partnership with Iglesia en Transformacion, a multi-generational congregation that has been serving and growing in Tegucigalpa, Honduras for more than 35 years. Iglesia en Transformacion draws families from all over the city, but has physically and prophetically positioned itself on a small piece of property between the nicest private university in the country and the slum community of Los Pinos. The church has developed a year-round program called "Vida Plena", or Full Life, to serve and witness to the Los Pinos community in a holistic way. They strive to bear witness to our God, who loves and cares for the needs of each person. They serve the community to the end of each person reaching their full potential and full transformation as disciples of Christ.

The Full Life Program works through 6 components to meet the overall goals: daily meals, spiritual development, education, health, culture and sports, and a food pantry. The church receives around 120 children daily, Monday-Friday, year round for a daily meal and a few hours of learning and free play time. This time is precious, as it is perhaps the only full meal and safe play space they have that day.



To learn more about Iglesia en Transformacion, check out their web page or their Facebook page. If you have questions about the partnership, please contact Anna or Guillermo Jimenez at annadejimenez@gmail.com or 970-775-4587.

On 9/15, join us after service in the Fellowship Hall for a pancake brunch fundraiser to support our mission partnership in Honduras with Iglesia en Transformación!

Growing up at the church and participating in this program has a profound impact on children's physical, spiritual and emotional development. It is our privilege to be partners with Iglesia en Transformacion in caring for those in need and sharing the Good News of Christ. NCPC provides financial support to Iglesia en Transformacion and will also send a group to Honduras in February 2020 to help deepen the personal relationship between our two churches and to be a time of learning and service for the participating families.



NEW TO NORTH CREEK?

PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

The Welcome Team is hosting our next Pizza with the Pastor on September 22 after service in the Fireside Room for all who are newly visiting NCPC and would like to learn more about our church. Join us in the Fireside Room to meet the Pastors, Elders, and Deacons who serve the church. Contact Mary Dill if you have any questions at 425.280.3133 or marykathryndil@gmail.com.



NEW MEMBER CLASS

Interested in becoming a member of North Creek? Our new member class starts on September 28. Join us for a four-series class on 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, and 10/22, informing you and inviting you to membership at North Creek.

Want to sign up or learn more? Contact Nanette Westlake at nannette_h@hotmail.com or [click here to sign up!](#)