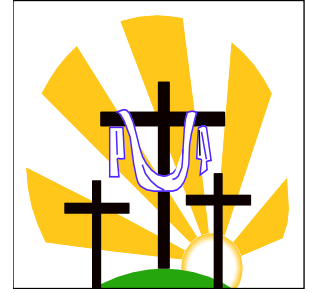


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AND A GREENING CONGREGATION



OCTOBER – 2018

From the Pastor...

For the last couple of years, our approach to Adult Education has been somewhat haphazard. If someone had an idea for a class they wanted to teach, the committee was supportive, but we were often at a loss for what to do when no one came forward. In the meantime, I've heard (from newer and older members alike), a desire for more "back to the basics" classes when it comes to the Bible, theology, spiritual practices, and understanding Presbyterianism. At the same time, we'd like to be intentional about occasionally offering classes that are more specialized and dive more deeply into a particular theme or topic. As a result, the Spiritual Formation committee has decided to try a new thematic approach to Adult Education. We've identified five "subjects" that we hope to cycle through in an on-going way so as to provide a more holistic spiritual formation experience for our adult learners. These areas are: Bible, theology, spiritual disciplines/practices, social justice, and Presbyterianism. The length of each class will depend on what seems right for the particular subject. After that class is over, we'll move on to the next general subject area (but not necessarily in the order listed above). Sometimes the classes will be introductory or "back to the basics" in nature (e.g. an overview of basic progressive Christian theology); sometimes we will dive into a specific area more deeply (e.g. feminist theology). With this new model, we also hope to provide consistent offerings. Our plan is to

go back to having adult education every Sunday morning during the school year from 9-10am in the Mural Room. Childcare will be consistently available—no previous request required. What I've describes is our intention; in reality, we'll see what participation and interest is like, and we'll be looking forward to feedback as we move forward.

Our first class "The Birth of The Bible", will go from October 7-November 25. We will be learning about how the Bible came to be, where the texts came from, who decided what was in and what was out, and—during the last couple of weeks of the class—we'll get to spend some time on some of the texts that didn't make the cut. I'll be teaching the class along with Dustin Wilsor. Regular participation is encouraged but, even if you'll be gone some of the weeks, don't let that keep you away. If you haven't participated in Adult Ed in the past, come and give it a try—no obligation or hard feelings if you decide this particular class isn't for you. We hope to have some lively and meaningful discussions, and we hope to see you there!

~Pastor Staci



A Member Congregation of the
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**Toward a Church as Generous
and Just as God's Grace**

The Current Stewardship Pledge Campaign



This year we are conducting our annual Stewardship Pledge campaign during the month of September and scheduling October 7th as Pledge Sunday. It was felt conducting our pledge efforts earlier will help complete our work prior to the holidays. For three Sundays in September we have asked members speak on what stewardship in the church means to them. Each has experienced the need to give to the church for different reasons. This fact speaks to the diversity in our congregation that makes Woodland Park Presbyterian Church such an important part of the surrounding community.

The mailing you have received includes a pledge card where you can indicate how you plan to support the work of our church for the year of 2019. If you didn't receive this mailing, please call the church office and we'll mail you one. As you will notice, we have also included a line where you can also pledge to the Capital Campaign as the need does continue to pay off our mortgage and fund upcoming needs for upkeep on our building. Copies of the proposed budget will be available in the gathering space on the table.

Thank you for your support.
The Stewardship Committee

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Articles for the **WOODLAND PARK PRESS** are due by the 20th of the month. E-mail them to me at debbiealan@yahoo.com.

Please make sure to note **your name and phone number** with your article so I may contact you if I have any questions. Thanks again to all of the contributors for this month's **PRESS!**

Thanks -
Alan Herbig - Editor
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Holy Hops!

Join us as we meet monthly to talk about current topics important to the group. Next gathering is Monday, October 15, 6:00 pm, at The Dane, 8000 15th Ave. NW.

October Worship and Scripture Readings

October 7: Stewardship Sunday and World Communion Sunday

Text: Covenant and Commandments:
Exodus 19:3-7, 20:1-17

October 14: Joshua Renews the Covenant:
Joshua 24: 1-15 [16-26]

October 21: David and Bathsheba:
2 Samuel: 11: 1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9

October 28: Solomon's Wisdom:
1 Kings 3: 4-9, (10-15), 16-28

Bits and Pieces

WE CHOOSE WELCOME!



SCRIPTURE CONVERSATION with Pastor Staci meets Tuesday, noon, [Green Bean Coffeehouse](#) 8525 Greenwood Ave N. :

October 9: David and Bathsheba: 2 Samuel: 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9

October 16: Solomon's Wisdom: 1 Kings 3: 4-9, (10-15), 16-28 October 23: Elisha Heals Naaman: 2 Kings 5: 1-15a

October 30: Micah: Micah [1:3-5]; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8

THE FALL WELCOME TEAM is now taking responsibility for activities on Sunday mornings through November. The Team Leaders are Pat Moberg and Judy Andrews. Serving on a Team is a way to participate in church activities for a short term. It is a way to get to know some people in the congregation better and further the feeling of faith and community. If you are interested in participating, there is a sign up list in the Gathering Space to indicate your interest and dates you are available.

MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY GATHERING: Have you wondered about becoming a member of Woodland Park Presbyterian Church? Pastor Staci will lead a fun and informal information gathering soon. Gathering date(s) will likely be a weeknight evening over a light meal. To participate, or if you have questions, please reach out to Gene Oliver at oliver@holmancahill.com or Michael Bronsdon at 206-799-7614 or michael@bronsdon.com.

THE FALL ADULT EDUCATION series begins Sunday, October 7, 9:00 am in The Mural Room. See Pastor Staci's article for details.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Recovery: Debbie Blane, Flo Bliss, Ken Doak, Bethany Erickson, Evelyn Merritt, and Salwa Nemr .

Missionaries: Brian and Sandi Thompson-Royer.

Our college students: Arthur Bale, Miki Bale, Lupita Barren, Colin Bronsdon, Jessica Cruz, Erin Emery, Kai Hirayama, Luke Luttrell, Myles Sproul Nelson, Ben Peterson, and Emily Peterson.

Presbytery Connections - October, 2018

By Roger Lee

Understanding the emotional connection may be the key to understanding why people continue to attend their church. For more information, see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/September-3-2018/>

Two Greensboro, NC churches take the first steps in healing their racial differences. For more information, see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/September-4-2018/>

The Presbyterian Church of Colombia is working for a just and lasting peace in a nation plagued by generations of politically and ideologically motivated violence. For more information, see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/September-13-2018/>

Faith-based organizations have been at the forefront of calls to accelerate HIV testing and treatment for children and adolescents. For more information, see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/September-17-2018/>

In the tornado's aftermath, First Presbyterian has focused on rebuilding and healing through worship and community service to those affected by the disaster. For more information, see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/September-19-2018/>

Holy Discontentment is a resource serves as a blueprint for Presbyterians who wish to engage more fully in community advocacy and organize for just public policy. For more information, see:

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/September-20-2018/>

A Book Review from the WPPC Library.

In Search of Belief (revised edition)

by Joan Chittister

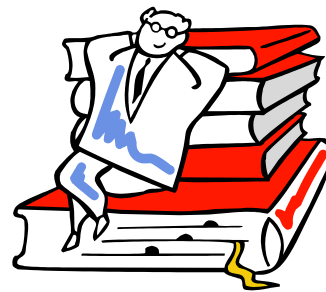
"In this stirring testament to the resiliency of the Christian faith, Joan Chittister ...spells out the meaning of the apostles Creed, phrase by phrase. For her, this testament is not an index of dogmas, but a "catalog of choices, an inventory of possibilities, a roster of visions...She breathes new life into these familiar phrases...This is a path-breaking resource for Christian educators to study and use in parishes."

--*Spirituality & Health.*

"*This book is dangerous. Once you have read it, you can never again mumble the Creed complacently, without thought.*" Joan Chittister

"Everything changes when we read." --Neil Gaiman (author).

Jeri Lee
WPPC Librarian.



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Hearing the Waters

How we tell stories is who we are
Sherri Mitchell

Prescription for Change.

Climate adaptation may require new ways of thinking about medicine
Benjamin Rachlin

The Sky Knows no Borders

A group of young artists bears unique witness to a solar eclipse
Jessica A. Cook

Deep in Time.

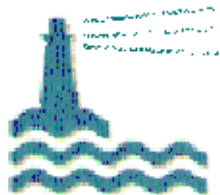
How modernity reveals a glimpse of the ancient past
Holly Haworth

In Real Life

On growing up with social media
Carmella De Los Angeles Quiol

Wild and Domestic

All the world is nature's
Wendell Berry



The Deacon Beacon

a periodic update from your board of Deacons

Hungry people are fed by folks here at WPPC on a regular basis. Some hungry people stop at our church on Mondays at the Soup Kitchen for lunch prepared by the faithful Soup Kitchen crew, and some are fed at a monthly brunch by the St. Charles team at the St. Charles apartments in downtown Seattle, which are a part of the [Plymouth Housing Group](#).

But, did you know that people come by at all times during the week and ask for help? Your contributions to the Deacons fund on the first Sunday of the month helps fund food gift cards and food packets.

Thank you for your support in the past and for supporting your Deacons in their ministry at Woodland Park Presbyterian Church!

Cathy Bronsdon
for the Board of Deacons





A word from Seattle Presbytery

Dear friends,

I recently got together with a priest friend who serves in a local Catholic parish. We shared a little about current ministry challenges when he suddenly looked at me and said, “Wait. If you guys don’t have a bishop, who’s in charge?”

Not an uncommon question to ask, especially if you’ve been accustomed to a church system where the buck stops with a particular person, the official decision maker.

I responded to my friend as I have to many others who’ve asked me the same question. “The presbytery is in charge.”

You see where this is going, I’m sure.

You are the presbytery. We are the presbytery. Women and men, young and old, ruling elders and teaching elders (ministers of word and sacrament) coming together to serve together on committees, commissions, and task forces. And then quarterly gathering as a larger body at presbytery meetings to discuss and make decisions. As presbytery. The ones in charge.

This doesn’t happen organically or by happenstance. It requires pastors (teaching elders) to take time away from their already busy ministries to serve at the presbytery level. It also requires ruling elders from all our churches to prayerfully consider how they can serve the presbytery as well. I say requires, because serving “the higher council” (not just your church’s session but the presbytery committees, commissions, and task forces) is part of the ordination vows we all make.

“Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?”

Our polity also directs ruling elders in this fashion.

G-3.0202 in the Book of Order states: “Sessions have a particular responsibility to participate in the life of the whole church through participation in other councils....(b) serve on committees or commissions, bearing in mind principles of inclusiveness and fair representation in the decision making of the church.”

If you are a congregational pastor reading this, we ask you to consider elders in your community who might be called to serve the presbytery.

If you are a ruling elder reading this, we need you.

How might you more fully live into your ordination promises to serve the councils of the church?

Where within our presbytery leadership might you find your gifts needed?

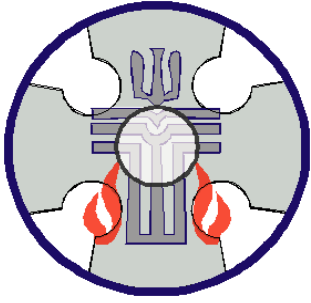
I welcome and celebrate the opportunity to BE the presbytery with you all!

In grace and hope,

Rev. Eliana Maxim

Associate Executive Presbyter

For Further information, contact Todd Peterson, Pastor Staci or the SeaPres phone number: (206) 762-1991.

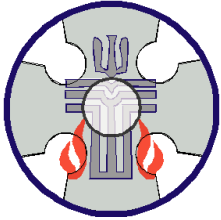


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Soup Kitchen	2	3	4 (Hannah Bailey) 7:30 Choir	5	6 8:00 Men's Breakfast Group (Bay Café)
7 (Bob Barren) 9:00 Adult Ed Class Begins (Mural Room) World Communion Sunday	8 (June Howard) Soup Kitchen	9 7:00 - Stewardship Committee	10 6:00 Advent Planning (Todd Peterson Home)	11 7:30 Choir	12 (Grant Bronsdon) 6:15 Open Mic Check In 7:00 Open Mic Night! 	13
14 RAC—Potluck Lunch RAC—Deacons	15 Soup Kitchen 6:00 Holy Hops! (at The Dane)	16	17 (Dean Fournier)	18 7:30 Choir	19 7:00 Movie Night	20
21 (Flo Bliss) RAC Meet Your Committees! 6:00 F.O.R Meeting Birthday Cake Sunday	22 Soup Kitchen	23 (Susan Durham)	24 (Jane Pauw) 7:00 Session	25 (Salwa Nemr) 7:30 Choir	26	27 (Andrew Tempest)
28 (Dick Erickson)	29 Soup Kitchen	30	31 Halloween	<p>Each Sunday 9:00 Sunday School for All Ages</p> <p>10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>RAC Coffee Fellowship</p>		<p>Please let us know your (Birthday) so we can note it on the calendar.</p> <p>JBC = Just Before Church</p> <p>RAC = Right After Church</p>



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Blessed Are the Peacemakers

This October 7 is World Communion Sunday. As is tradition within the PC(USA), we will be collecting our Peace & Global Witness offering on this day. This is one of four special offerings taken every year in the Presbyterian Church. A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice across the world. We give because we know that every level of society is in need of Christ's peace - at all times, in all ways.

From our congregation, where we retain 25% of this offering to support missions of peacemaking within our own community; to the region, where 25% is retained by mid councils to support peacemaking efforts being pursued, together with our neighboring congregations; and to the ends of the earth, where the remaining 50% is deployed by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to join the peacemaking efforts of church partners all over the globe. It is good to be reminded that, with all the discord, pain, and conflict in our communities and in the world, we serve a God who promises harmony and responds to violence with reconciliation and peace.

October 7 also happens to be the day that Stewardship is asking you to bring your pledges for next year. As you prayerfully think on your offering for the year-to-come, I challenge each of us to consider how we might increase our witness, and increase our giving to the Peace & Global Witness Offering.

