

Solid Rock Review

October 2010

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Hallelujah Party

October 31, 2010

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. at the Church

Come one, come all to our Hallelujah Carnival Party!
Invite your family, friends and neighbors to enjoy
fun carnival games in our gym!

We need your help!

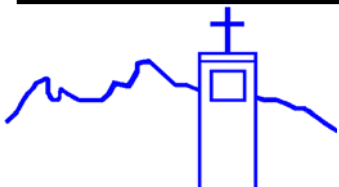
Please sign up in the Narthex to help in a specific
area or activity. (ex. Decorating, Cupcake Walk, Set
up, bring candy...)

For Questions or to help?

Contact Kristi at

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From Pastor Pat's Pen



Dear Saints of First Presbyterian Church of Wenatchee,

It is the duty of the leadership of First Presbyterian Church to seek the Lord's will for our body, following the one Head of the Church, Jesus Christ. Any one of us could easily summarize that in a sentence like the one I just wrote. The question is: how are we going to live that out together as a disciple-making community? Many approaches to leadership are programmatic. These are not bad in and of themselves but programs frequently lack the kind of real-world applicability

that help us to respond to the particular challenges and circumstances we might face. Jesus demonstrated principled leadership for His disciples, teaching them Kingdom principles that would apply to any context where He might later call them. What were some of those principles? We will be exploring them one at a time over the next few issues of the Solid Rock Review.

Leadership principle #1: Christian leadership equips the body

According to Ephesians 4:12, we learn that all of the gifts given to the body are given for a particular purpose: *to prepare God's people for works of service...* Paul goes on to say in the rest of verse 12 and then in 13 that this fulfilled purpose will have the following result: *so that the Body of Christ might be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.*

It is the leadership of a particular body that stewards the use of these gifts for this purpose and result. To that end, our elders, staff, deacons, small group leaders and ministry teams are seeking ways to prepare God's people for works of service. This necessitates equipping the body for these works of service. In addition, as 1 Peter 2:9 reminds us, we must also remember that in the New Covenant, we are a Kingdom of Priests. The equipping of the saints is the work of the whole body for the glory of God.

Putting this principle into practice will require us to ask and answer certain kinds of questions:

Do our people have everything that they need to accomplish God's mission for them? If yes, how can we encourage them? If no, how can we get them what they need?

Who in our congregation has the gifting and the passion for this kind of ministry we are considering? How can we be good stewards of those gifts by getting them involved?

Is this a ministry that we have to do as a specialized small group or is it a ministry which might be a much greater blessing if the whole body were participating?

Who do we see developing the gifts and passion for this kind of ministry in whom we can invest through training, time and opportunity? Who do we see uninvolved waiting for an invitation to serve?

When we are following Jesus by living and leading together in the power of the Spirit according to Scriptural principles, we reflect the glory of God in Jesus Christ within this body of believers.

In Christ,

Pastor Pat



The View from the Bell Tower

The view from here is definitely not "ghoulish" even though Halloween is at the end of the month. The view is expected to be a clear one with cool, clear and crisp days as we move further into the fall with the apple and pear harvests in full swing. Our prayers, of course, are for a fair return for everyone's efforts and safety for the workers.

I am looking forward to some time away the first couple weeks of October, spending time with our son and daughter in San Diego. I will be officiating at our daughter's wedding on 10/10/10. And, I will participate with my brother and sister-in-law renewing their marriage vows in Yakima, on the 29th, on the occasion of their 50th anniversary.

A recent devotion presented at a staff meeting was about going the extra mile. The reference, of course, is from Jesus' sermon on the mount - Matthew 5:41 - which is "If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles." The context there is that those in the "audience" were under Roman occupation.

Under Roman law the Roman soldiers could require a local citizen to carry the soldier's burden for one mile. Jesus encouraged his followers to do more than was required. That might precipitate a question as to why the person was doing such a thing and the person could then tell about Jesus. While we don't live under the same conditions, the admonition of Jesus remains valid. Not only should we do more than expected in our jobs, but also in any volunteer activity. Those watching how we Christians act will then see a favorable image of what being a Christian is all about. The staff and volunteers of this church certainly reflect this principle.

This month presents the opportunity to participate in fund raiser dinners for one or both of two very worthwhile organizations - Habitat for Humanity on the 2nd and Young Life on the 23rd. Unfortunately, our Presbytery's fall meeting at Camp Ghormley is on the 22nd and 23rd. At that meeting we look forward to a report by the administrative commission

regarding our "discernment process."

God continues to bless us in this church family as we maintain our faithfulness in our worship of Him and adherence to His word in the Scriptures. Contrary to the argument in some theological circles nowadays, Scripture is not dead. The Apostle Paul wrote to his protégé, Timothy, "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2Ti 3:16-17) This is still true!



Blessings to everyone,

Pastor Paul

FISCAL FAITHFULNESS FPCW FINANCIAL SUMMARY STATEMENT AUGUST YEAR-TO-DATE

Budgeted Income	Receipts	Expenses	Variance	Budgeted Income	Receipts	Expenses	Variance
\$75,431	\$79,848	\$70,586	\$9,261	\$880,000	\$610,581	\$606,385	\$4,196

FPCW Denominational Update

September 22, 2010

Dear Saints of First Presbyterian Church, Wenatchee,

We know that information on our discernment process has been scant for some time. We want you all to know that we have appreciated your patience and prayers. Be assured that the Lord has heard them and answered. We have just received some news that our process is moving forward.

Last fall we formalized our process of prayer and discernment (begun in 2008) through a series of meetings where our Session expressed its concerns to the congregation. Three of these meetings were in the fall of 2009. In the spring of 2010, we developed four open forums expressing our main concerns with the PC USA and providing opportunities for feedback from the congregation. At the final open forum, the Session brought a preliminary recommendation before you regarding dismissal with property from the Central Washington Presbytery of the PC USA to the Presbytery of the West of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. You received a mailing that included a poll. The results of that poll indicated that 94.5 % of the congregation agreed with Session's preliminary recommendation. At that time, the Presbytery called a special meeting on May 14 to create an Administrative Commission (AC) to represent the Presbytery and to walk with us through the rest of our process. Since that time, the AC has been conducting an administrative review of our ministry to see if there has been any evidence of wrongdoing in our leadership of the congregation. They have found none.

On September 21, the AC met with the Session for the first time. The meeting was amicable and informative. One of the questions we have had throughout this process is how we are to go about making our preliminary recommendation a formal request. Should the congregation vote or the Session? The first time we asked about that, we were told in writing to do nothing. On September 21, the AC told us that this is a Session vote and not a congregational vote. Given this answer, the Session voted unanimously to make the following formal request:

The Session of First Presbyterian Church of Wenatchee prayerfully and formally requests the Central Washington Presbytery of the PC USA to dismiss the congregation with property to the Presbytery of the West of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

This formal request gives us the opportunity to move forward in our process. This will happen in phases. Phase one might be called "the discernment phase". In this phase, the AC will formalize its administrative review. The AC will also exercise its responsibility, according to the PC USA Book of Order G-8.0601, to discern if there is a viable remnant within our congregation that might be deemed "the true church" by the Presbytery and thus declared the stewards of First Presbyterian Church's property and assets. We do not yet know what process the AC will follow to make this determination or how a viable remnant might be defined. However, the AC has pledged to us that we will develop that process together with them. At the least, it will include an introductory letter to you that will outline how this determination will be made. We expect them to contact particular members. We further expect that another poll will be coming from them to you sometime in the next few weeks to months.

If the Lord wills, once this discernment phase is complete, we will enter a second phase, what we might call

“the negotiation phase”. During this time, the Session will appoint and train representatives who will serve as a negotiating team to work with the AC on a proposal for terms of dismissal.

If the Lord wills, once the terms of dismissal have been negotiated, we will enter a third phase, what we might call “the dismissal phase”. During this phase, the proposed terms of dismissal will be brought to the congregation for final approval at a specially called congregational meeting. These terms will then be taken to a called meeting of the Central Washington Presbytery for their approval, debated and submitted to a vote. If the Presbytery approves the terms, this would close our formal relationship with the PC USA.

If the Lord wills, we will then enter a fourth phase, what we might call “the receiving phase”. During this phase, the Session will take action to formalize our new denominational relationship with the Presbytery of the West and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. In preparation for this phase, the AC has encouraged us to speak with representatives from the EPC openly about our dismissal request and discuss the process of being received by them.

All of this sounds like a lot of time and work. We can tell you for certain that it is and will be. What do we need from the congregation as we go through this process together?

- Patience-this process will likely take a good deal of time. There are no urgent issues resulting from the most recent General Assembly that immediately obligate us to finish in a few months. We want to do this thoroughly and correctly so that we can stand before God and both Presbyteries with a clear conscience knowing that this process, painful though it may be, has brought glory to God. It might take us as long as a year to accomplish that.
- Diligence-just because we are involved in this process does not mean that we are going to abandon ministry in the meantime. The Lord has called us to His work in this valley. We intend to move forward with that as our first priority. Please be diligent in service and diligent in prayer, particularly for our leaders. If this is handled correctly, we will all be able to continue joyfully serving the Lord while the leadership handles the details and keeps you informed.
- Trust-trust in God that His timing and plan are for our best. Trust in the leaders you called to be led by the Spirit of God to do His will. Trust that His will is going to be done.
- Resolve-we expect that the same unity and conviction that have characterized our discussions to date will continue throughout all of these phases.
- Love-there are still some hard discussions ahead. We expect that our congregation will continue to demonstrate the principle of speaking the truth in love to one another and others who are joining us in this process.

In short, the Session has made our preliminary recommendation a formal request. The AC has accepted our work to date in the process and will now work to verify it. We are moving forward. Be assured that we will keep you informed as more information becomes available. May God bless us now and always as we seek to follow Him into His future for us.

In Christ,

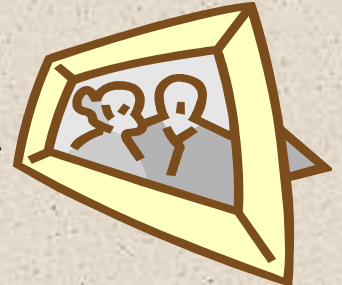
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Photo Opportunities!

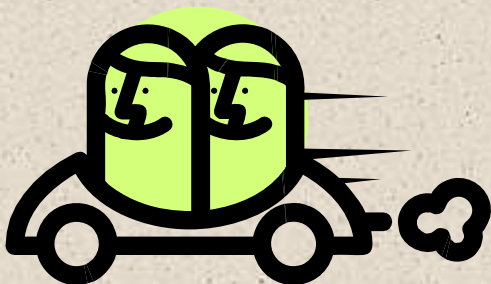
Get your nails done, get your haircut, round up your brothers, mothers and next of kin, and make an appointment to get your smiles in the church directory! Why? Because we want you to be a part of our church family album, plus, you get your own FREE 8x10 photo and of course, the church directory. Keep in mind that the more families who get their pictures taken, our church receives credit to buy more pages of random photos of our church family. And, if your address, phone or e-mail address is incorrect in our old directory, this is your perfect chance to correct it all!



If you need one more reason to make an appointment for your family photo, this is it. You will have beautiful photos to give as gifts at Christmas, and you can now order Christmas cards too! One stop shopping at its finest. Please stop by the display in the narthex and look at all of the new and exciting photo options we have. Don't forget grandchildren and extended family, even if they don't attend this church. Please plan to be a part of our family album - details and sign ups are coming soon - photos will be taken from November 2 - 13.

CALLING ALL PHOTOS! If you have taken digital photos of a church event in the last year, please hold on to them and we'll collect those soon. We will want to include as many church events, activities and faces as we can in our new family album. Many thanks from the Directory Team!

Share Your Ride!



If you are coming to church, would you be willing to pick up one of our senior members on your way? Or, are you a senior and want to come to Sunday service, but don't have a way to get there? We would like to coordinate a Ride Share system to make sure everyone who wants to be there, gets there! If you can share your ride, just once a month, please contact Susan Johnson at church or Pat Lynn at palmom49@gmail.com. If you need a ride to church, please contact Susan or Pat as well. Thank you and blessings from the Deacons!

FPCW Happenings

The Knit-Wits would like to welcome more helping hands to our FPCW Ministry. We meet each Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Church Library. We make Prayer Shawls and Lap Robes for those in need of prayer and comfort, Baby Blankets for newborn's into our church family, and hats for the Back to School Give Away. All skill levels are welcome as we help each other with all our projects. Yarn donations of non wool 4 ply for hats useful also! Discount coupons for the JoAnn Store for purchasing fleece and yarn are also welcome. The coupon can be left in an envelope on the church Library desk. If you knit or crochet and would like to help, join us Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m. in the FPCW library.



The Property Management Ministry Team of our church requests that everyone be aware of the need to make sure the church doors are locked if you or your group is the last in the building. Your vigilance and help are very much appreciated.

SERVE WENATCHEE NEEDS HELP

Serve Wenatchee's five pantries are running low of food. We are continually blest with soups, beans and tomato sauce, but, now that school has started, the items most needed are: small jars of peanut butter and jelly, canned tuna, dry cereal, spaghetti and pasta sauce, and canned fruit.

At First Presbyterian Church, donations are collected in the food barrel in the Fellowship Hall. ~ Thank you!

Nursery/Childcare is needed during programs this fall at FPCW. Come and share your time with these precious little ones.

Wednesday evenings 6:15 - 8:15 p.m. during Mid-Week Recharge
Thursday mornings 9:00 - 11:15 a.m. during Mom's Bible Study
Sunday evenings 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. during Financial Peace University

Contact Michelle Klock for more information or to volunteer at 663-1187 ext. 207 or michelle@fpcw.org.



Coffee Beans for Sale October 3rd

In the Narthex between services

Our Guatemala Mission Team is selling delicious, organic, Guatemalan coffee beans. The rich, fragrant beans are packaged in colorful cloth bags, and make a perfect small gift for the holidays or any time of year. Large bag - \$15 Small bag - \$10. All proceeds benefit Palencia School in Guatemala.



Bike -A-Thon

Saturday, October 9 - 10:00 a.m.
Walla Walla park. Riders, pick up your sponsorship packets from Abbey beginning Wednesday, September 29 !

Youth News

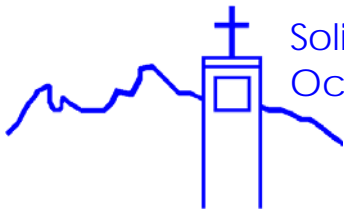
Don't forget to sign up for discipleship (Bible study) groups if you haven't already! Contact Abbey if you are interested or for more information!

Mariner's Baseball Game:

If you signed up to go to the Mariners game Sunday, Oct. 3rd we will be leaving at 9:45am from the church for Seattle. We will have a great time & return home by 8pm Please bring money for any food or souvenirs you would like to purchase!

Abbey's Contact Info:

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October Birthdays

Regan Welsh	10/1	Shari Troxler	10/15	Rose Vejvoda	10/25
Zachary Hammond	10/2	Jeanne Giddings	10/16	Kendal Buak	10/26
Jerome Karney	10/2	Matthew Lodge	10/16	Karen Halvorson	10/26
Angela Richmond	10/2	Lorraine Mathison	10/16	Daniel Klock	10/26
Edna Murray	10/3	Trevor Sill	10/16	Judy McBride	10/26
Pat Koehler	10/4	Tom Ernsberger	10/17	Miranda Dyal	10/28
Liz Havlicek	10/5	Lynne Patterson	10/17	Annie Hendrickson	10/28
Sue Severson	10/5	Brian Scott	10/17	Finley Lenssen	10/28
Jack Bills	10/6	Calvin Dix	10/18	Mal Greene	10/29
Ed Hewitt Sr	10/6	Duane Whitley	10/19	Keary Kunz	10/29
Jonathan Higgins	10/6	Ross Berschauer	10/20	Mac McGregor	10/29
Lorraine Jackson	10/6	Minda Bergan	10/21	Danny Burnham	10/30
Ivan Jacobsen	10/6	Kevin Dresker	10/21	Jax Mathison	10/30
Russ Hart	10/7	Jeanelle Fowler	10/21	Dean O'Daffer	10/30
Keith Kirkpatrick	10/8	Benjamin Clifton	10/22	Bob Wines	10/30
Daniel Hunter	10/9	Bob McFadden	10/22	Whitney Clifton	10/31
Lawana Dosser	10/10	Colby Cadman	10/23	Evelyn Hanson	10/31
John Simmons	10/10	Anne Weidenbach	10/24	Steve Hendrickson	10/31
Zoe Sundet	10/11	Kathy Addleman	10/25	Pat McElroy	10/31
Joe Pless	10/12	Susan Cusick	10/25	Bob Shepard	10/31
Marcia Ruckman	10/15				