

Solid Rock Review

November 2010

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You're Invited to First Presbyterian's

CANDY CANE BRUNCH

December 4, 2010 - 10:00 a.m.

*Come celebrate the birth of Christ
with music, fellowship and a wonderful brunch.
Tickets are \$5 and will go on sale
November 14th in the narthex.*

*For more information contact Kathy Berschauer at 888-5716 or
Kristi Ernsberger at 663-1187 ext. 205 or kristi@fpcw.org*





Dear Saints of First Presbyterian Church of Wenatchee,

Last month I introduced what I hoped would be a series of articles on leadership principles in the Church. This is the second of these articles. It is a reflection on a difficult character quality in which all believers need to grow.

Leadership principle #2: Christian leadership exercises humility

Paul's encouragement to the Philippian Church is to be of the same mind toward a particular end. They are to *do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better*

than yourselves (Phil 2:3). Paul goes on to root this command in the humility of Jesus *Who, being in very nature God, did not consider*

equality with God something to be grasped but made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant (Phil 2:6-7).

Christian leadership then models Christ's humility, particularly as we interact as His body. This kind of humility will display itself in servanthood. It will further display itself by leading in confession of error or sin. Paradoxically, the trust level of the congregation increases when the leadership of a congregation exercises this principle. It is not weakness to admit an error. It is weakness to ignore one, particularly one that is plain to the whole body.

The implementation of this principle will require guiding our ministry teams to ask and answer questions along the following lines:

- Where and how can we come alongside our members to serve them?
- Is our service here primarily bringing glory to God or to someone or something else?

- Why are we serving here? Is it because we have been called by God or because it just makes us feel good?
- Where is our responsibility in this difficult situation? If we erred, where did we err and to what degree?
- For what can we legitimately apologize, repent of and/or seek forgiveness? If so, how do we communicate that?
- Is restitution necessary in this situation? If so, how can we accomplish that?

Of all the principles we will discuss, this will be one of the most difficult to implement. All of these principles run counter to human nature but perhaps none more so than this one. In His grace though, we can grow in this area. May God bless the Church as we seek to grow in humility.

In Christ,

Pastor Pat



An Update on our Discernment Process

By the time you are reading this, our congregation will have had its first interaction with officials from the EPC. There will be more in the months to come. What you all must know right now is that the Lord is at work through the Administrative Commission and your leaders bringing about His will and purposes for His Church. Right now these include:

- The Administrative Commission is working on determining if there is a remnant within our congregation who wish to remain in the PC USA.
- We have received the go ahead to open conversations with the EPC.

You can all be assured that as we progress you will be updated on a regular basis. May God's Spirit grant us wisdom and unity as we seek His will.

In Christ,

Pastor Pat McElroy

Pastor Paul Pankey

The View from the Bell Tower

The view from here seems to be a bright one. The sun is shining brightly, but I'm sure that's only temporary. Other things seem pretty bright within the church though. Our Sunday School program is buzzing right along. The Awana program on Wednesday evening has taken off like we expected it would. Many thanks to a lot of people for that, but especially **Laura Clifton** and **Michelle Klock**.

This is the time of year that we see a lot of decorations around the church. **Jim Rolen** did a great job decorating the entryway in preparation for the Hallelujah Party and maybe Thanksgiving. **Karen Halvorson** will be decorating the communion table with a cornucopia for the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Then, she will supervise all those who will come on the 27th to decorate for Christmas.

As most know the Administration Commission,

that the Presbytery appointed/ elected to negotiate with us, met with our Session late last month. It was a very congenial meeting and one result was our Session voting to formally ask our Presbytery to be dismissed to the Presbytery of the West of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). Another result was permission to contact representatives of the EPC. **Bob Welsh** and **Stew Cusick** were at a New Wineskins conference in early October where they met with Jeff Jeremiah, the stated clerk for the EPC. Jeff agreed to meet with us. On Wednesday, October 20th he and the assistant stated clerk for the Presbytery of the West met with our staff and Jeff addressed many from our church family at the "Recharge" session that evening. By all accounts those in attendance found the man and his message to be impressive. Since that time

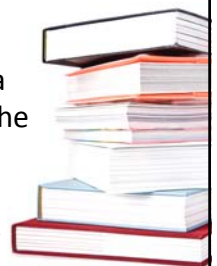
Central Washington Presbytery met last weekend and formally elected Rev. Richard Nordgren to be the moderator of the AC. While the process will probably continue to be slower than we would like, we anticipate that it will move forward under Richard's guidance.

I realize Jesus was not speaking of our situation in his comments to his disciples in the first chapter of Acts, but it does seem to fit our current situation. "He said to them, 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.'" (Acts 1:7)

*Blessings to everyone,
Pastor Paul*



The FPCW Book Club will meet Friday, November 12, 6:30 p.m. at Gene and Sue Severson's, 1845 Maple Street. The November book selection is Ivan Doig's "Dancing at the Rascal Fair". From its opening on the quays of a Scottish port in 1889 to its close on a windswept Montana homestead three decades later, Ivan Doig's novel is a passionate and authentic chronicle of the American experience. Ivan Doig, a retired University of Washington professor, grew up in northern Montana where this book took place and has won several literary awards for his books about Montana and the West. The book is available at the NCW Library in the book club section.



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

Budgeted Income	Receipts	Expenses	Variance	Budgeted Income	Receipts	Expenses	Variance
\$70,907	\$64,095	\$76,209	(\$12,114)	\$880,000	\$674,676	\$684,188	(9,512)

Kid's Corner

Michelle Klock, Director of Children's Ministries ~ michelle@fpcw.org, 663-1187

~Midweek Recharge AWANA

Wednesday evenings 6:15-8:00 p.m. ~ Contact Michelle Klock, michelle@fpcw.org 663-1187 if you have questions or are interested in being a leader.



~Great Dates

November 27, 2010, 4:30-7:30 p.m. ~ Couples will have a brief time of fellowship and learning and then go out on a date while their children have a fantastic time playing on the big blow-up toy and watch a Veggie-Tales movie! Free childcare for children birth through 6th grade. Sign up at the church!

~Operation Christmas Child~

Shoebbox Collection week November 15-22 ~ Fill a shoebox with gifts for a child, donate money for shipping and pray for God's blessings for the child who receives it! Check it out online at www.samaritanspurse.org or contact michelle@fpcw.org for more info!



~Serve Wenatchee Valley Food Baskets~

November 21st basket decorating ~The children will be decorating 30 food baskets for Serve Wenatchee! Please consider donating food, money or time to fill the baskets with food!



Serve A Soldier

Help bring encouragement and hope to a serviceman and his platoon this holiday season.

We will be collecting items to send to Iraq for Sergeant Cheyenne Smithey. Please consider bringing in some money or one of the following items so we can ship them to Iraq. Also, we will be writing Thanksgiving & Christmas cards to the platoon with scripture references. Thank you for your help in making a difference in the lives of soldiers serving over seas!

Items Needed:

Costco size box of rice crispy treats
fruit snacks or fruit roll-ups
Candy (not chocolate)
Individual size packages of nuts
Packs of gum
Travel games

Travel size hand sanitizer
Small Thanksgiving and Christmas decorations
Drink packets to go in water bottles
Energy bars (no chocolate)
Other ideas you have (please ask Abbey before you bring them in)

Contact Abbey for more information at 630-6262 or abbey@fpcw.org.



Join the FPCW Christmas Choir

Rehearsals are Thursday's from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Call Michelle Loudon for more information
663-1187 x 206 or MLoudon@fpcw.org

Africa Mission's Pie Sale



The Africa Mission Team is grabbing our aprons & getting ready to bake away the hours! Our first ever Holiday Pie Bake Sale is on it's way.

We are offering a freshly made apple pie, regular or sugar-free (\$15 each).

Pies will be constructed on Thurs-

day, November 11th (Veteran's Day) and will be available for pick-up after 2 p.m. or for delivery (for \$2). Pies will be freshly constructed and then frozen so you can pull out the pie & enjoy it for Thanksgiving!

Order form envelopes will be available at the Welcome Center. Please have your orders to Abbey by November 8.

Please consider supporting the mission team & ordering a yummy pie for a great cause!



If you are a talented pastry chef, we could use your help in the kitchen on "PIE PARTY" day. Please let Abbey know if you are interested in helping at

630-6262.

Youth Group Quest Night

Sunday, Nov. 14th

6:30-8 p.m.

Invite your friends for

NIGHT GAMES

in the church!!!

For 6th-12th Grade

Parents, Want to help with the "Night Games"? Or interested in serving a snack at 7:30 p.m.?

We need your help!

Contact Abbey (630-6262 or abbey@fpcw.org) if you are willing to help!

No Youth Group

Or Mid-Week Recharge

Wednesday, November 24

Happy Thanksgiving!



November Great Date!!

Who: For couples (married or dating) with children.

What: Couples have a brief time of fellowship and discussion and then go out on a date while their children are cared for.

Why: To strengthen couples' relationships and help them meet other couples.

When: The last Saturday of each month from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M.

Where: Children will be in the gym. Adults will meet in the Brides Room.

How: To participate Nov.27th, sign up at either entrance of the church, call 663-1187 or contact Kristi (kristi@fpcw.org) or Michelle (michelle@fpcw.org), to reserve a spot for you and your children.



FPCW Happenings



PowerPoint Operators Needed

The audio-visual team needs your help! If you are willing to operate the PowerPoint program from the sound booth for 1-2 services a month, please contact Michelle Loudon at the church office, 663-1187 or mloudon@fpcw.org.

CALLING ALL PHOTOS:



Do you have photos of church events that represent all the fun things that we do here at 1st Press? If so, Please forward them to Sheila at Russbf42@nwi.net , so that they can be included in the church directory .

THANK YOU for signing up to make our church family album complete. FYI, all pictures for the directory will be taken with a black background.



It's Time...

There have been many new members who have joined our ranks in the last year.

It's time...

Some critical issues concerning our future have been addressed.

It's time...

We see lots of new faces every week.

It's time...

We have run out of visitor welcome packets.



It's time... to redo the pictorial directory! Our Deacons have contracted with Lifetouch to have a new directory in our hands soon. Pictures will be taken on the following dates: November 2-13. Time slots will be from 1 to 8 P.M. Tuesday through Friday and 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. on Saturdays. Contact the church office if you have not signed up to have your picture taken. It is very important that we all participate. A pictorial directory is a critical tool to our unity as a body. We look forward to seeing you there!

In Christ, Pastor Pat



Dec' the Halls

Decorate FPCW for Christmas

Saturday, November 27
9:00 a.m.

For more information
call Karen Halvorson
663-6581



The Soroptimist Annual Christmas Bazaar is Saturday November 20, 2010—9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. here at First Presbyterian Church.

Crafters will offer hand sewn, knitted, and crocheted items, jewelry, stained glass, wood and many crafts for sale.

Soroptimist donates all money back to charitable projects in the Wenatchee Valley. For more information, please, call Jerry Jones at 884-8397.



FPCW Happenings

Small Group Leaders' Luncheon

The fall luncheon will take place on Sunday November 7th at 12:30 in the library. We will be covering the following:

- Expectations for leaders, including a Statement of Faith - Pastor Pat
- How to use the Pastor's sermon notes and questions - Ole Hedahl
- Ideas for successful small groups - Mal Greene
- Reminder of the resources available at the church - Mal Greene
- Open discussion concerning small groups at our church - Ole Hedahl
- A vision for small groups - Pastor Pat



Please bring a salad to share and we will provide dessert and drinks.

Leaders, if you are unable to come, please send a representative from your small group.

Also, if you are thinking about being a small group leader, you are most welcome to attend.

Stewardship

By Carol Schrader

When you think of the church What does it mean?
A beautiful place where The grass is green?

Or a type of refuge A "Haven of Hope"
A place where ministers Help people cope?

As they preach the Gospel The Infallible Word
About the Greatest Story Ever Heard

But others may come with a Different view
As they sit quietly In a chair or pew.

They love the music And to hear the choir sing
Or listen to instruments And have the bells ring

However you see it One fact is true
The Church needs good stewardship From all of you.

As what would it be like If people chose not to sing
Instrumentalists didn't play Or the handbells ring.

Or if no one volunteered To help those in need
By cooking a meal Or pulling some weeds.

Their gifts from God Would go unused
Like the servant in the parable So let's have a review.

The parable of the talents Is an example for us
How servants who used their talents Were treated so just

But 1 servant we know Didn't fare so well
He disappointed his Master I'm sorry to tell

By hiding his talent Unlike the rest
Afraid he'd lose it If he tried to invest

Now stewardship manifests In many ways
Though most think of money Have to say

But Time and Talents Are part of it too
And EVERYONE has some Including all of you.

So what can You offer Let's all get on board
As your time, talents and money All came from Our LORD

Los Angeles Collaboration Concert
Saturday, November 20, 4:00 p.m.
Grace Episcopal Church
1201 North B Street, Ellensburg, WA
For information call: 509-962-2951
Free Admission!



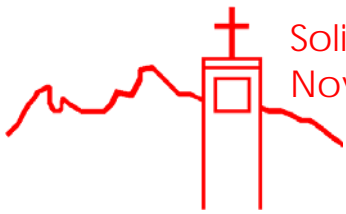
The Los Angeles Collaboration will present a sacred concert in Ellensburg on November 20th. Admission is free and all are invited to attend! Violinist Alex Russell and pianist Duane Funderburk will be joined by a small chamber orchestra comprised of students from Central Washington University. Music will include sacred, classical, and favorite American standards. Duane and Alex were guest musicians at the Sunday morning services at FPCW last June.

Local Missions Sleeping Bags for the Homeless

Lighthouse ministries provide meals, Bible study and other services for homeless men in our valley. Cold weather is upon us and many of these people need a sleeping bag or wool blanket in order to survive the weather. A CONTRIBUTION of \$25.00 will provide one sleeping bag OR two wool blankets.



Please make checks payable to "First Presbyterian Church" and designate "Sleeping Bag Project". Thank you for getting involved in this mission project.



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November Birthdays

Joan Oaks	11/2	Brian Addleman	11/14	Virginia Nelson	11/24
Carolyn Wesche	11/2	Elliott Dix	11/14	Wilma Stellingwerf	11/24
Jen Brizendine	11/3	Jerry Holm	11/14	Marjorie Stevenson	11/24
Sue Jeffries	11/3	Desiree Dye	11/15	Olivia Noyd	11/25
Beverly McQuaig	11/4	Judy Singhose	11/15	Homer Wolfe	11/25
Dan Zimmerman	11/4	Gary Ferderer	11/16	Carol Greene	11/26
Ashley Kunz	11/5	Mariann Browne	11/17	Jimmy Ortiz	11/26
Shirley Vanderhoff	11/5	Karen Schmitt	11/17	James Parker	11/26
Vincent Clawson	11/6	Marie Forney	11/19	Jimmy Sherrell	11/26
Kyle Mathison	11/6	Darrel Jeffries	11/19	Barbara Warnock	11/26
Sydna Pankey	11/6	Carolyn Specker	11/19	Karla Gorham	11/27
Matthew Shepard	11/6	Amelia Browne	11/20	Natalie Kelly	11/27
Jaden MacNeil	11/7	Marla Krueger	11/20	Desiree Schmidt	11/27
Connie Burnham	11/8	Bette Sparks	11/20	Dorothy Cornell	11/28
Stephanie Gay	11/8	Danny Tafolla	11/20	John Gill	11/28
Leanne Ryan	11/9	Sheila Fode	11/21	Reed Port	11/28
Jake Ferderer	11/10	Michelle Loudon	11/21	Sonya Trochez	11/28
Rich Lynn	11/11	George Crane Jr.	11/23	Clint Kyhl	11/29
Emily Fode	11/12	Richard Dix	11/23		
Shirley Picketts	11/13	Sarah Hewitt	11/24		