

Solid Rock Review

February 2011

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FAMILYLIFE® presents

the art of marriage™

a six-session video event



Friday, March 11

7-9 pm

Saturday, March 12

9 am-4 pm

Location: First Presbyterian Church

Cost: \$30 per couple

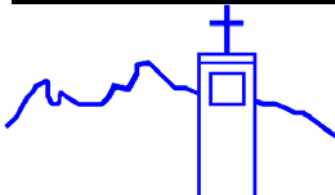
The Art of Marriage is a new one-and-a-half day video event that brings together some of the most respected and influential pastors and experts on marriage and family all in one setting. It also brings a fresh approach to a video event by weaving together engaging stories, real-life testimonies, and humorous vignettes to help couples fully experience God's design for marriage.

The Art of Marriage consists of six video sessions and an accompanying manual that provides couples with projects to help apply the principles taught during each session. The manual is also designed for couples to use after the event by offering articles, date night ideas, and useful tips for continuing to strengthen their marriage.

Lunch is on your own, snacks will be provided.

No childcare is provided.

To register contact Kristi 663-1187 or kristi@fpcw.org or visit our registration table in the Narthex starting February 13.





Dear Saints of First Presbyterian Church of Wenatchee,

This Sunday represents a unique opportunity to speak to the holocaust of our day: abortion and euthanasia.

Human life is increasingly not valued on either end of the age spectrum. Since we are on the verge of Celebration of Human Life Sunday, I have found myself having conversations with folks in and out of our congregation about the appropriateness of such a theme in today's world. Challenges have ranged from outrage to simple questioning, from grave concern to militant support.

To be sure, speaking to any issue in society can be a thorny morass for the Church. Our engagement raises all kinds of questions. What does it mean to be salt and light? What does it mean to be in the world but not of the world? What issues are critical for us to confront? Which ones should we just leave alone? How should we go about doing so? In our day

and time, the Church seems to be increasingly running away from these hard questions and embracing a common approach in our world: tolerance. Generally, it takes this form: just preach the Gospel and leave any other issues alone. We don't want to offend people.

Offending someone has become the cardinal sin of our culture. Don't get me wrong; I don't believe in needlessly or maliciously offending people. Neither of those would be loving our neighbor. However, if we become so afraid of offending someone that we shrink back in fear from speaking the truth in love, we don't just lose an issue argument; we lose the Gospel itself. The cross is an offense. That's the clear teaching of Scripture and there is no way around it. In short, if we preach the Gospel, people are going to be offended. If we speak clearly on issues related to Scripture, people are going to be offended; folks don't like to be told that they are sinners in need of a Savior. Jesus even told us to expect offense and worse. "All men will hate you because of me" Luke 21:17.

I'll give the last word on this subject to John R de Witt from his pamphlet *What is the Reformed Faith?*:

Reformed Christians believe emphatically that *the earth is the Lord's*

and the fullness thereof, the world and they that dwell therein (Psalm 24:1, KJV), and that He has not for a moment abandoned it to powers outside Himself. That is why we cannot be indifferent to social evils, and to violations of the law of God in society at large... Certainly societal transformation cannot in any sense be divorced from the preaching of the Gospel and the regeneration of individuals. But at the same time, it is quite wrong of us to suppose that we should do nothing, bear no testimony, exercise no influence, have no vision, regard ourselves as without a calling to work for the doing of God's perceptive will, even though widespread revival and reformation may tarry. It is the very prostitution of the biblical concept of the life of faith to regard the Christian as a private person, living to himself alone, as though he could fulfill his duty to God without viewing all things as subject to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

*In Christ,
Pastor Pat*

FISCAL FAITHFULNESS FPCW FINANCIAL SUMMARY STATEMENT

DECEMBER

YEAR-TO-DATE

Budgeted Income	Receipts	Expenses	Variance	Budgeted Income	Receipts	Expenses	Variance
\$73,333	\$99,857	\$110,058	(\$10,201)	\$880,000	\$931,116	\$946,618	(\$15,501)

The View from the Bell Tower

The view from here is a heart-felt one, for more reasons than one. The first, of course, is that in addition to Presidents Washington and Lincoln's birthdays this month, Valentine's Day is on the 14th. That, as usual, will emphasize love with pictures of hearts everywhere. It's another one of those "feel good" days for most folks. Some adults send cards to close friends on that day. Many school children send Valentines to everyone in their class. Sometimes in the midst of all those valentines, some children either get none or very few. For them it is disappointing. They will get over it, in time, of course. Sometimes we adults also have similar disappointments. We are rejected in some way by an individual or a group. Usually we get over it, too. We may seek God's help and he is faithful to heal our wounds, physical or mental. We trust in the words of Psalm 147:3: "He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds." God heals even the unseen wounds,

the hurts of words not physical weapons. And, together we may obey the words of James, who wrote, "... pray for each other so that you may be healed." (Ja 5:16)

The other heart issue that some have asked about is the procedure I've been scheduled for on the 22nd and 23rd of this month. It's called an ablation. The purpose is to fix the atrial fibrillation problem. They will map the electrical circuits of my heart one day to identify the culprit - the nerve that is causing the disorientation of the timing of valve openings. The next day they will attempt to hit that exact spot and cauterize it. If it works, great! If not, nothing changes. I remain short on physical stamina.

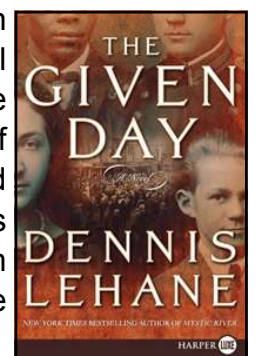
Regarding church business, as noted in the enclosed letter from the Presbytery's Administrative Commission (AC), the poll taken by the AC revealed that nearly 90% of our members agree with the request for our church to be dismissed from the PC(USA) to

the EPC. That is good news in that it compares very favorably with what we had already determined with our own poll. After communicating with those who indicated that they did not agree, the AC will report to the Presbytery at the next Presbytery meeting in late February. This reminds me of the following passage from Isaiah. "How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, 'Your God reigns!'" (Is 52:7)

*Blessings to everyone,
Pastor Paul*



The FPCW book for February is "The Given Day" by Dennis Lehane. Set in Boston at the end of the First World War, the book captures the political and social unrest of a nation caught at the crossroads between past and future. This is the story of two families--one black, one white--swept up in a maelstrom of revolutionaries and anarchists, immigrants and ward bosses, Brahmins and ordinary citizens, all engaged in a battle for survival and power. The book is available at the Wenatchee Public Library (in the book club section, on the bottom shelf.) We will meet Friday, February 11, 6:30 p.m., at the Boers'. If you have questions, please call Roberta Vanderlin 662-2602.



LETTER FROM THE AC

Please attentively read the following letter from the Administrative Commission.

In Christ,

Pastor Pat McElroy

January 25, 2011

Dear Members and Session of FPCW,

I am writing on behalf of the Administrative Commission (AC) to thank you and to inform you of the results of the survey you filled out and sent back to the AC.

Out of the 513 survey's mailed, 379 were completed and returned.

88.8% of you said NO

8.9% of you said YES

8 surveys returned did not clearly indicate – 2.1%

1 survey arrived after our meeting – indicated NO

*Remember a 'NO' vote indicates a desire to leave the PCUSA.
and a 'YES' vote indicates a desire to remain within the PCUSA.*

After we opened these surveys and counted the results, we discussed the significance of each category. We acknowledged the strong desire of the members of FPCW to leave the PCUSA. At the same time we also recognize those who wish to remain in the PCUSA. To that effect, we as an Administrative Commission working on behalf of the Presbytery of Central Washington have a pastoral responsibility to those who wish to remain part of PCUSA.

The AC will be calling the members who wish to stay with PCUSA and invite them to a meeting to be held at FPCW on February 24TH at 6p.m. The Administrative Commission will be present to listen and dialogue with those who wish to remain in PCUSA.

Our desire, throughout this process, is that all parties involved strive to honor Christ. Those who have voted to leave the PCUSA, and those who voted to remain a part of PCUSA, along with the AC and the members of Presbytery must honor Christ in how we move forward. We must love those around us so that relationships are preserved, friendships strengthened, and Christ is raised up. We want the Wenatchee valley and the Christian community throughout the Northwest to see a clear demonstration of how Christians can love each other even in times of conflict and disagreement.

In Christ,

Pastor Patrick Thompson
Moderator of the Administrative Commission
Presbytery of Central Washington

FPCW HAPPENINGS

Leadership Reflections

Christian Leadership equips the body for service. Christian leadership exercises humility. Christian Leadership develops partnerships with other believers. Christian leadership encourages stewardship. Great principles to live and serve by! All of these lead logically to the next principle, a logical outgrowth of the others:

Leadership principle #5: Christian leadership creates ministry opportunities for others

Discipleship principles are not just a New Testament idea. The pattern emerges early in the Scriptures with Moses and Joshua, Elijah and Elisha, and Elisha and the company of the prophets. We see this principle carried through in the New Testament with Jesus and the disciples, Paul and his traveling companions, and the early leaders of the Church. The leaders of God's people have always had an eye to creating and encouraging ministry opportunities for others, particularly those who might one day serve as their replacements.

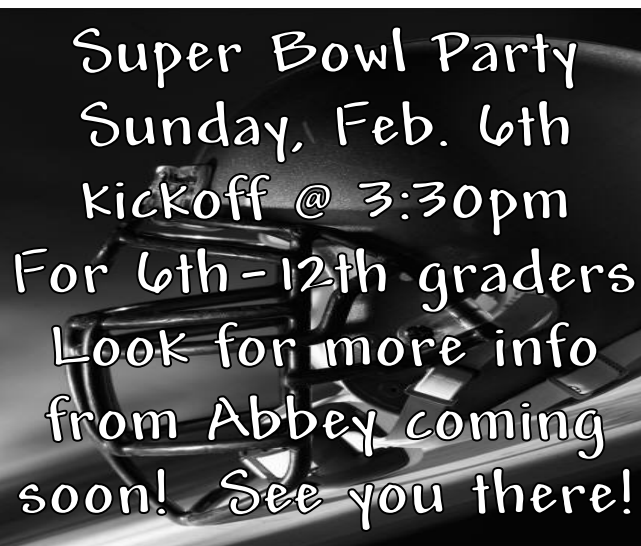
Christian leadership identifies, trains and equips the next generation of Church leaders for the greater glory of God in Jesus Christ.

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

- Is this something that must be done by this committee or would it bring greater glory to God to give others the opportunity to serve?
- What kinds of opportunities for service do we provide for others now? How might we provide more?
- What kinds of opportunities do disciples need to grow in their faith and leadership skills?
- How can we provide a good structure for ministry opportunities for the whole congregation in our area of ministry?

God grant that we may always be focused on creating opportunities for others to minister in your Name!

In Christ, Pastor Pat



Super Bowl Party
Sunday, Feb. 6th
Kickoff @ 3:30pm
For 6th-12th graders
Look for more info
from Abbey coming
soon! See you there!



Africa Mission
Dinner & Auction
March 5th 5:30pm
Tickets \$16pp or
\$30 per couple

February 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 Feb. 26, 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.



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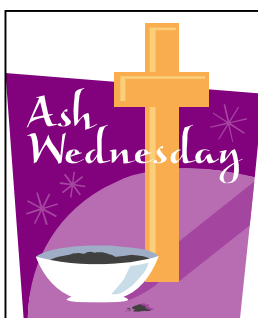
Men's Breakfast



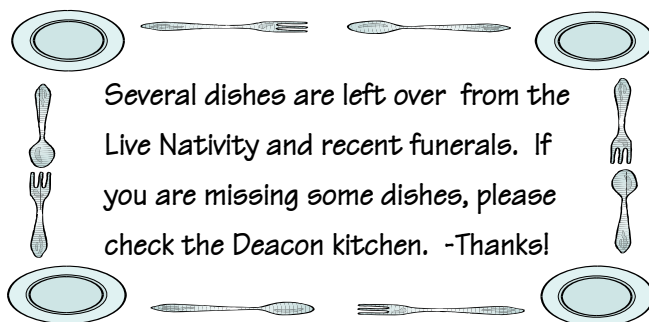
First Presbyterian
Saturday, February 5, 8:30 a.m.

Open to all men/teen's. Join us for a meal, music, men's fellowship and a message by Pastor Pat. Sign up following Sunday services. For more information, contact Ron Zielinski, 662-2407.

Attention: High school seniors and college students, scholarships are available through First Presbyterian Church. You may pick up a scholarship application (or renewal) at the front desk. The deadline for completing the application is February 15th. Don't miss your opportunity to apply for an FPCW scholarship or renew your current scholarship. If you have any questions please contact Gary Gavin @ 664-9061.



Mark your calendars for our
Ash Wednesday Service
March 9, 2011 - 7:00 p.m.



Several dishes are left over from the Live Nativity and recent funerals. If you are missing some dishes, please check the Deacon kitchen. -Thanks!



2011

Men's Retreat



Theme:
"Come Apart or Come Apart"

Scripture:
"Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." Mark 6:31

The 2011 Men's Retreat will feature Pastor Pat McElroy speaking on the theme "Come Apart or Come Apart" based on Mark 6:31. The retreat format will include Worship, Teaching Sessions and Small Group Sessions all located at Tall Timber Ranch. Tall Timber is part of the Presbyterian Denomination. It is a beautiful facility surrounded by tall Douglas firs and snow-capped peaks. It is just minutes away from Lake Wenatchee. Cross country ski rentals are available or you can bring your own equipment. The cabins are not fancy but all contain bathrooms. Tall Timber is known for its great food! It is about an hour and fifteen minutes from Wenatchee.

The cost is \$75.00 and registration forms are available at the Welcome Center. For more information, contact Ron Zielinski at 662-2407.

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2011 Lenten Book Study

Ten Questions to Diagnose Your Spiritual Health
by Donald Whitney

Wednesday Evenings, 6:30 PM, Worship Center

3/16/11: Chapters 1 and 2-pp. 13-39

Do you thirst for God?

Are you governed increasingly by God's Word?

3/23/11: Chapters 3 and 4-pp. 41-68

Are you more loving?

Are you more sensitive to God's presence?

3/30/11: Chapters 5 and 6-pp. 69-90

Do you have a growing concern for the spiritual and temporal needs of others?

Do you delight in the bride of Christ?

4/13/11: Chapters 7 and 8-pp. 91-110

Are the spiritual disciplines increasingly important to you?

Do you still grieve over sin?

4/20/11: Chapters 9 and 10-pp. 111-131

Are you a quicker forgiver?

Do you yearn for heaven to be with Jesus?

Please sign up for the class on the sign up list at the welcome desk and write a check to First Presbyterian for the cost of the book for \$10. We look forward to seeing you there!

Thank You

The Worship Ministry Team would like to thank everyone who participated in the Living Nativity program and helped decorate and undecorate the church this year. It would not be possible to name all of you but you know who you are. All of you are such a blessing to our church and community. Thank you for honoring God by serving Him in this special way. Let us REJOICE!!

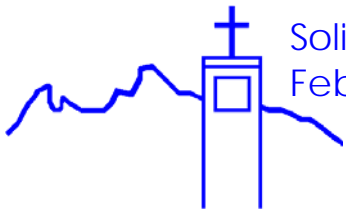
Small Group Leaders' Luncheon

The winter luncheon will take place on Sunday February 6th at 12:30 in the library. We will be covering the following:

- Sharing of curriculum available for small groups
- Discussion of a possible church wide curriculum for all small groups for fall 2011 - Elder Russ Fode and Pastor Pat
- Open discussion concerning small groups at our church
- Updating small group lists



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.



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February Birthday's

Mallory Berschauer	2/1	Shirley Jacobsen	2/11	Hannah Capelo	2/20
Andi Brizendine	2/1	Parker Brizendine	2/13	Ed Carlisle	2/20
Drew Bergan	2/2	Rich Boon	2/15	Caleb Clifton	2/20
Ellen Spratt	2/3	Diana McDougall	2/15	Georgia Boon	2/22
Robert Welsh	2/3	Jeannie McElroy	2/15	Rodney Dye	2/22
Andrea Kunz	2/4	Ruth Raisler	2/15	Todd Sutherland	2/22
Kurt MacNeil	2/5	Laura Shepard	2/15	Ann Pless	2/23
Keith Kuechmann	2/6	Roberta Vanderlin	2/15	Cassie Besel	2/24
Ron Walter	2/6	Grace Vejvoda	2/15	Abbey Reynolds	2/24
Tony Buak	2/8	Judy Cleveland	2/16	Russ Fode	2/25
Sarah Bumps	2/8	Cleta Mathison	2/16	Sara O'Daffer	2/26
Bill Liddell	2/8	Carol Schrader	2/17	Marilee White	2/26
Grace Lester	2/9	John Krehbiel	2/18	Eleanor Kindred	2/27
Christy Bricker	2/10	Courtney Mathison	2/18	Steve Klock	2/28
Nellie O'Keefe	2/10	Norm Drake	2/19	Kristy McGregor	2/28
Ed Weidenbach	2/10	Patricia Parker	2/19	Hank Vejvoda	2/28
Jared Blane	2/11	Dorothy Shepard	2/19		