

# Solid Rock Review

January 2011

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## FPCW presents a Christian Cabaret

### Amplify Him

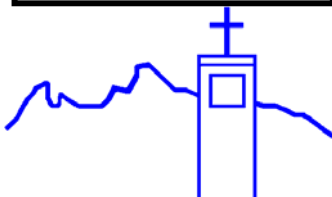
Sunday—January 30, 2011  
6:30 pm—Worship Center

## Featuring the Trinity Choir and local musicians

Join us for an evening of fellowship,  
& entertaining, uplifting musical offerings.  
Coffee and dessert will be served.



Admission is free and open to the public.  
A special offering will be taken to support the  
FPCW African Mission Trip  
in the summer of 2011.



# From Pastor Pat's Pen



Dear Saints of First Presbyterian Church of Wenatchee, Today is cold. There are six inches of snow on the ground just outside my office window. The clouds are blocking the full light of the sun but they are high above the surrounding mountains. My thoughts turn to families in our congregation who are struggling: the Johnstons with the loss of Charlie, the Loudons with the loss of Leonard, surgeries and illnesses for many, and even one or two marriages in trouble. It is a sobering reality to just write that all down in

one place. If I were to focus on that outlook alone, loss of hope would be an easy choice.

But my thoughts turn to a passage of Scripture that I have heard at many funerals and even read myself when presiding at funerals:

*I lift my eyes up to the mountains  
Where does my help come from?  
My help comes from the Lord, the  
Maker of heaven and earth*  
Psalm 121:1-2

I can still see the mountains today. Snow-covered as they are, I know who made them. I can lift my eyes to them. They cannot help me but their Maker can. How great His power must be to create such an incredible landscape!

I am reminded that the hands that formed Saddle Rock, Birch, and Badger are the hands that gripped Mary's finger in the manger, that writhed in pain when nailed to a cross, and still bear the scars today that bought our redemption. Those glorious hands created the world.

Those tiny hands came into the world. Those Almighty hands redeemed His people. Those tender hands dispense care and compassion to His hurting people even today. Those victorious hands will one day come again and set everything straight. Our hands fail, but His never have and never will. So loss of hope is a choice, but only a false one. It is a lie. Hope never disappoints us because our hope is rooted in Him, the Almighty Maker of heaven and earth. He is already victorious, no matter how difficult the road ahead may be. The Lord reminds us that it will indeed be difficult, even impossible apart from His grace. He also reminds us that He is with us on that road and will never leave nor forsake His own. May God always direct us again and again to our blessed hope in Him.

*In Christ,*

*Pastor Pat*

## Leadership Reflections

Christian leadership equips the body for service. Christian leadership exercises humility. Christian leadership develops partnerships with other believers. Great principles to live and serve by! All of these make principle #4 a necessity.

### ***Leadership principle #4: Christian leadership encourages stewardship***

When Adam was created by God, he was immediately given dominion and responsibility over all of creation. This principle is carried throughout the Old Testament and into the New Testament, perhaps most directly when Jesus charges Peter to feed His sheep (John 21:15-16) and Paul charges the Elders of Ephesus to keep watch over the flock (Acts 20:28).

Christian leadership manages and administers the gifts of the Church 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:

- God has given us many assets in this Church. How does He expect us to use them? What might He have to say about how we are managing those assets now?
- How might we pray for God to provide for the ministry we believe He has called us to do?
- What form has the Lord's provision for this ministry taken at this time? Ideally, what do we think that might look like?
- We may agree that we have done certain things in certain ways in the past but these means might not be the best in the present or the future. Are our practices now the ways in which we need to operate to accomplish our discerned goals for ministry?

God has made us stewards of a great legacy with an amazing inheritance. May He continue to bless us as we continue to seek to responsibly steward His assets here. May we always bring Him glory in this way.

In Christ, Pastor Pat

# The View from the Bell Tower

The view from here is an old one, really. Winter officially arrived late last month, although we had evidences of it long before that with the snows that came at pretty regular frequencies. With heavy hearts we remember those of our church family whom our Lord called home during the past year: Doug Rutherford, Ann Kepler, Jim Mills, Pat Clark, Elmer Oberg, Lou Black, Charlie Johnston, and Leonard Loudon.

Now we look to the new year, 2011. The prayer, of course, is that it be a happy and good one for everyone. That's the prayer, even though we know that there will be difficulties of varying degrees for us all. There will be ups and downs, joys and tragedies, as there are every year. Fortunately, one thing does not change -

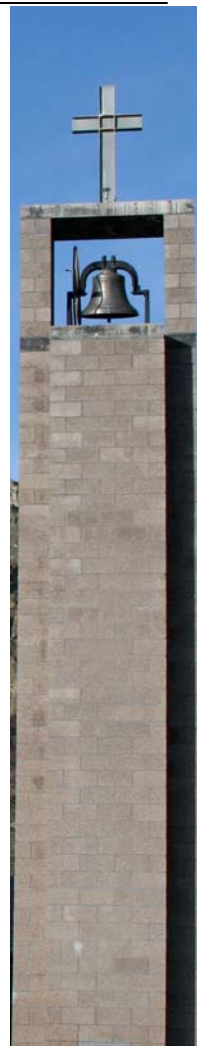
God is with us. He will be with us through each and every experience, no matter how joyous or difficult. The Apostle Paul wrote, "And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:19) As we go into this new year, there remains some afterglow from all the celebrations of the birth of Jesus. Once again we had large numbers of our community come to hear the story at our Living Nativity presentations. What a great idea Karen Halvorson had some years ago. It's hard to believe how many years we've been doing this and how well it is still received. It is now been declared to be one of the annual Wenatchee events not to be missed.

As we proceed with our discernment process in our

church and the request to be dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, we can take pleasure again in the fact that God will be with us. Whatever happens, we can trust that it will be God's will. I believe we Christians share the covenant God made with the Israelites as recorded by the prophet, Jeremiah: "I will be their God and they will be my people." (Jer 31:13)

*Blessings and Happy New Year to everyone,*

*Pastor Paul*



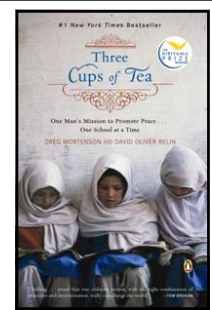
## FISCAL FAITHFULNESS FPCW FINANCIAL SUMMARY STATEMENT

### OCTOBER

### YEAR-TO-DATE

Budgeted Income	Receipts	Expenses	Variance	Budgeted Income	Receipts	Expenses	Variance
\$70,907	\$68,551	\$77,965	(\$9,415)	\$880,000	\$831,259	\$836,560	(\$5,301)

The FPCW Book Club will meet Friday, January 14, 6:30 p.m, at Roberta Vanderlin's, 9 N. Pershing. The January book is **Three Cups of Tea** by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin. "In 1993 a mountaineer named Greg Mortenson drifted into an impoverished Pakistan village in the Karakoram mountains after a failed attempt to climb K2. Moved by the inhabitants' kindness, he promised to return and build a school. *Three Cups of Tea* is the story of that promise and its extraordinary outcome." The book is available at the Wenatchee Public Library in the book club section for our group. The book for February will be **The Given Day**, by Dennis Lehane.



# FPCW HAPPENINGS

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 completion is February 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please contact Gary Gavin @ 664-9061.

## Candy Cane Brunch Thank-yous!



The Candy Cane Brunch was such a blessing to the women in our church. I would especially like to thank Kathy Berschauer our hostess and coordinator, the family ministry team and other volunteers, our speaker Kim Ferderer, Damon Ross our sound tech and all the wonderful men, young and old who prepared food, parked cars, greeted, served and cleaned up after the event.

Kristi Ernsberger  
Director of Family Ministry



2011 offering envelopes are available to be picked up in the narthex before or after church. If you do not find offering envelopes for you there is a list to sign up on, or you can call the church office and let us know what you need.

FAMILYLIFE<sup>®</sup> presents  
the art of **marriage**<sup>™</sup>  
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**Couples - Mark your calendars!**  
Family Ministry will be hosting  
this video based marriage seminar at First Pres. on  
March 11 and 12, 2011.

The cost will be \$30 per couple.  
Times: Friday, March 11 - 7-9 pm  
Saturday, March 12 - 9 am-4 pm

For more information or if you would like to join the team  
planning this event please contact Kristi at 663-1187 ext. 205.

## SERVE WENATCHEE VALLEY

The Serve Wenatchee Food Bank is in dire need of some specific items throughout the winter months:



small jars of peanut butter,  
small jars of jam or jelly,  
hamburger and tuna helper,



cereal,  
spaghetti,  
pasta sauce.



Donations are greatly accepted at the Serve  
Wenatchee food barrel in our church lobby.

## WEEK-DAY R.C. Sproul study this winter

We invite you to join us for a study of R.C. Sproul's book, "Defending your Faith" and DVD lecture series beginning in January. Dr. Sproul presents practical suggestions for "defending our faith" and logically and rationally answers the two questions: "Does God exist?" and, if so, "Is the Bible the Word of God?"

Identical classes are offered Mondays at 3:45 P.M. and Tuesdays at 9 A.M.  
Classes begin January 10 & 11, 2011 and conclude March 28 & 29, 2011.  
To register or for more information please call Cindy Bumps 662-6250

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## Guatemala Missions

**GUATEMALA MISSION TRIP 2011**

Are you interested in going on the Mission Trip to Guatemala **June 13-23**? We will have an **informational meeting** January 25th at 7 pm at the Weber's, 313 Chatham Hill Rd. Wenatchee. Contact Dave or Susan Weber 509-662-5486 [susan@thewebernet.com](mailto:susan@thewebernet.com)

**A summer mission trip** is again being planned for Guatemala. The dates will be June 13-23. This year we will continue to work on the housing facilities at Palencia School. Part of the team will go to Palencia for construction. The other half of the mission team will be involved in medical and outreach missions similar to previous trips. You do not have to have medical training to be a member of the team but if you speak Spanish or are a nurse, dentist, doctor, pharmacist or have other medical experience your skills would be valuable.



### *In Joyous Celebration*

Please join  
Rick and Karen (Halvorson) Hamilton  
in celebration of their marriage  
at an informal reception

Saturday, January 22, 2011

First Presbyterian Church  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
No gifts please!



### *Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!*

FPCW Music Department wishes to thank all of the talented musicians and support staff, who shared their gifts with our congregation over the Christmas season:

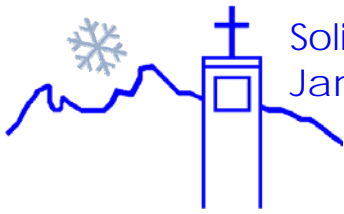
Trinity Choir  
Adult Praise Team  
Youth Praise Team  
Instrumentalists  
Guest Musicians  
Live Nativity Singers  
Audio-Visual Team



Your worshipful hearts and beautiful music glorified God, and blessed your listeners!



**Sincere Thanks** - We are so thankful for our church family and friends and for Pastor Paul Pankey & Pastor Pat McElroy for their service and support. Thank you for the donations made to the First Presbyterian building fund. The music provided by Ron Lodge and the men's trio, Brad Bozett, Bob Krueger & Pat McElroy was a blessing, Charlie loved to hear them sing. Thank you to the Deacons for the reception. Thank you for the food brought to our home, and the beautiful flowers and cards of sympathy. We so appreciate the military honors by the American Legion and National Guard. Our family is truly blessed.  
~The family of the late Charlie Johnston.



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# January Birthday's

Dick Garrecht	1/1	Patty Drake	1/13	Juli Stevens	1/24
Kimberlee Ryan	1/1	Helen Hanson	1/14	George Dosser	1/25
Barbara Marotta	1/2	Rick Schrader	1/14	Jonathan Phillips	1/25
Annabelle McFadden	1/4	Jerry White	1/14	Jack Fowler	1/28
Jeff Sandberg	1/5	Marie Loudon	1/15	Paul Horner	1/28
Jeanette Whitley	1/5	Richard Roberge	1/15	Lyla Johnston	1/28
Marcy Horne	1/6	Ole Hedahl	1/17	Karen Kunz	1/28
Marilyn Liddell	1/6	Casie McGinness	1/18	Bev Pritchard	1/28
Orville Vanderlin	1/6	Jennifer Trimble	1/19	Abby Wilt	1/28
Jim Rolan	1/8	Jim Adamson	1/20	Terry Hunter	1/29
Kristen Klock	1/9	Austin Larsen	1/20	Barbara Larkin	1/29
Doris Bokma	1/11	Sharon Thayer	1/20	Zachary Scott	1/29
Eric Fode	1/11	Sheila Dresker	1/23	Dian Thompson	1/29
Marjorie Leighton	1/11	Dana Detjen	1/24	Carol Adamson	1/30
Ray Reid	1/11	Kyle Hendrickson	1/24	John Pell	1/30
Katherine Crane	1/12	Adi Mathison	1/24	John Groff	1/31
Greg Brizendine	1/13	Crystal Sill	1/24	Grace Hammond	1/31
Rachel Brunner	1/13				

Susan Johnson, Editor For questions, comments, or submissions, call or email the church office. Submissions must be received by the 21st of the prior month.