

# Solid Rock Review

February 2012

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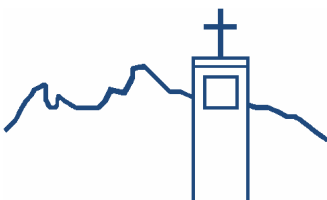
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*February 10th  
6:30—8:30 PM  
Saddlerock Church*

*All adults are invited to join us for  
a wonderful dinner catered by Garlini's.  
Guest Speaker Pastor Andrew Thompson  
will speak on  
"The Greatest Love of All."*

*Tickets (\$10 per person)  
Must be purchased by February 5*



# From Pastor Pat's Pen



Dear Saints of Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church,

The New Year is here! For us, it comes as a welcomed change that more accurately fits who we are in Christ. It behooves us to reflect on what we believe and where those beliefs will take us. The last three months we have been talking about what we believe about the Scriptures, the Triune God, and specifically God the Son, the second person of the Trinity. Now it's time to take a look at the third person of the Trinity, God the Holy Spirit. What do Christians believe about the

Holy Spirit?

The EPC's statement reads as follows:

*The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior. Indwelling our hearts, He gives new life to us,*

*empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth, and seals us for the day of redemption.*

This statement, just like the previous three, affirms what we have affirmed for years.

- The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Jesus, the Christ. He points to Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit has come to apply the saving work of Jesus to our hearts. He is the One who applies the sacrifice of Jesus to the heart of the believer.
- The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin. This is a gracious and good act.
- The Holy Spirit draws us to the Savior. He does not simply leave us convicted of sin but points us to the only provision for that sin.
- The Holy Spirit indwells the heart of the believer.
- This indwelling of the Holy Spirit is what gives us the following:
  - ◊ New life, a foretaste of the glory to come
  - ◊ Empowerment to live this new life, apart from which we are powerless to answer God's call
  - ◊ The imparting of gifts for service, that we might give all glory to God for any fruit.
- The Holy Spirit instructs us into all truth. He is the One who opens our eyes to the

truths of God in His Word, apart from whom we would not understand any of it.

- The Holy Spirit guides us into all truth. It is He who leads us into a future where we are conformed to the image of Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit seals us for the day of redemption. It is He who marks us indelibly as children of God.

What you see above should be no surprise. This has been the teaching of the Church for millennia and continues so to this day. Some have occasionally accused us Presbyterians of treating the Holy Spirit like Cinderella, who never seems to get an invitation to the theological ball. This is not the case at Saddlerock EPC. It is not the case with any of our partners in the EPC.

We are growing in our knowledge, practice, and passion for the Holy Spirit and His work. We surely do not know everything about Him. Thankfully, God is not done with us yet! We are inseparably linked to this truth, passed down to us from ages past and still very much alive today. We dare not forget it because we cannot answer God's call apart from His enabling grace.

In Christ

*Pastor Pat*

## FISCAL FAITHFULNESS FPCW FINANCIAL SUMMARY STATEMENT

**DECEMBER**

**YEAR-TO-DATE**

Budgeted Income	Receipts	Expenses	Variance	Budgeted Income	Receipts	Expenses	Variance
\$97,866	\$119,162	\$129,453	(\$10,291)	\$925,000	\$988,920	\$959,198	\$29,721

# The View from the Bell Tower

The view from here is a grateful, "hearty", and holy one. Because the deadline for the January edition of this newsletter was before Christmas, I didn't get an opportunity to thank the many members of our church family who sent Christmas cards to Sydna and me. We appreciated them all and are very grateful to be a part of this church family.

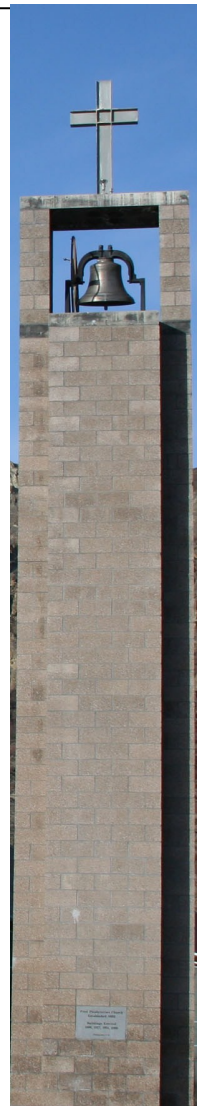
The view is a "hearty" one because of Valentine's Day, of course. That's when we express love for others, whether schoolmates, fellow workers or spouses. Wouldn't it be great if we could just keep it up as the Apostle John directed us to do in 1John 3:11 - "For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another." That theme is reiterated in 1Jn 4:7 - "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, . . .", 1Jn 4:11 - ". . . we also ought to love one

another.", and 2Jn 5 - "I ask that we love one another."

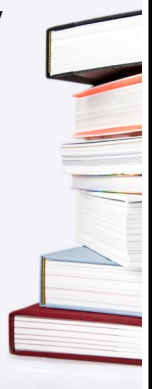
Churchwise the most important day in February is the 22nd. That is known in church circles as Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of the season of Lent. I'm not sure how the tradition started in the Christian church, but apparently dates back to the eighth century. In this church we have had a tradition for several years of celebrating Ash Wednesday with our brothers and sisters in Eastmont Presbyterian Church, alternating locations each year. This year we will be at Eastmont, and I've been informed that it is my turn to deliver the message. While the season of Lent and Ash Wednesday are not mentioned in Scriptures nor commanded by God, there are many references to individual repentance involving sackcloth and ashes. Those references

include Job 42:6; Esther 4:1,3; Isaiah 61:3; Jeremiah 6:26, Ezekial 27:30; and Daniel 9:3. Jesus referred to the practice as reported by Matthew (Mt 11:21) in his condemnation of Chorazin. The practice of imposing ashes to the forehead of believers, then, signifies the acknowledgement of the need for repentance. It can be a very emotional event. May it help you be closer to our Eternal Father.

*Blessings.*



The book club has changed the February meeting date to breakfast on Saturday, February 11, 8:30 a.m., at the Wild Huckleberry on Mission Street. We will continue the discussion of Goodwin's book *Team of Rivals, The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln*. For the Friday, March 9 meeting we will discuss *The Return of the Prodigal Son*, by Henri J. M. Nouwen. "When I saw the Rembrandt poster [The return of the Prodigal son] for the first time in the fall of 1983, all my attention was drawn to the hands of the old father pressing his returning boy to his chest. I saw forgiveness, reconciliation, healing; I also saw safety, rest, being at home. I was so deeply touched by this image of the life-giving embrace of father and son because everything in me yearned to be received the way the prodigal son was received. That encounter turned out to be the beginning of my own return."



# Saddlerock Happenings

## *Where are we in our transition?*

In the interest of clear communication amidst many questions, we want to make sure that you all have a window into where we are as an EPC congregation. Many important events have transpired this January.

1. A press release was sent to the Presbyterian Layman and the Wenatchee World explaining our new affiliation and name change. This press release was sent to both entities on December 6<sup>th</sup>. An article was published in the Layman on January 5<sup>th</sup> and the Wenatchee World article was published on January 17<sup>th</sup>.
2. Documents were prepared to finalize our dismissal. These documents were completed in final draft form on January 10.
3. The documents were signed on January 11, 2012. The President of our Corporation, Russ Fode, our Clerk of Session, Bob Blane, and our Pastors, traveled to the Presbytery of Central Washington Office in Yakima to meet with the Executive Presbytery, G. David Lambertson, the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, Elder Mike Nixon, the Chair of the Wenatchee Administrative Commission, Pat Thompson, and the Presbytery's Administrative Assistant and notary, Debbie Dawson. The following documents were signed and notarized:
  - a. A Separation Agreement-a legally binding document for us and the Presbytery of Central Washington that outlines the terms our of separation from the PC USA.
  - b. A Quit Claim Deed-signed by the officials of the Presbytery to quit its claim on our property and assets.
  - c. A Bill of Sale-signed by the officials of the Presbytery to confer ownership of all the contents of our building.
  - d. A Real Estate Tax Affidavit and Supplemental Statement-a document that makes it clear that the conveyance of this property and our assets is a gift from the Presbytery and that our money given is a gift and therefore not taxable.
  - e. A Hold Harmless agreement-signed by our officers in which we agree to absolve the Presbytery of Central Washington from any future liability.
4. The Presbytery was presented with our final membership rolls including active members, those who requested transfer, those who wished to remain as at-large members of the Presbytery of Central Washington, and those who should be removed from all rolls.
5. The Presbytery was presented with a check for three years of per capita on January 11<sup>th</sup>.
6. The Presbytery was sent a check for AC expenses on January 12<sup>th</sup> after a review of Presbytery receipts at the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>.

The completion of these tasks was a major milestone in our dismissal process. We can celebrate the great thing that the Lord has done in our midst! So what remains? The remaining pieces relate to our Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. These must be corrected to reflect our new name and affiliation, which the congregation empowered the Session to finish at its special called meeting in October. Once these are complete, they will be filed with the State of Washington and returned to us. We will then file the Articles of Incorporation with the IRS at which point they will

## New in the Library

*"Unplanned: the Dramatic True Story of a Former Planned Parenthood Leader's Eye Opening Journey across the Life Line"* by Abby Johnson.

This is an incredible story, showing how good people can be misled to support abortion under the guise of helping women. Christ's love reflected through the prayers, courage and support of individual Christians gave the courage to face the truth about abortion. One copy is available in the church library, additional copies are available at the regional library or at Encouraging Words, Christian Books

Distributors, and on line at Amazon.com.

*Focus on the Family's magazine Citizen, January 2012 issue features "Walking Out Their Faith"*

Thirty-nine young women, all impacted by the devastating effects of abortion, are going the extra mile to save their peers from walking down the same road by embarking on a 250 mile walk from Houston, TX to the Earle Cabell Courthouse in Dallas where Roe v Wade was born. In a related article, *"Honoring the Humanity of Mother and Child"* the success of pregnancy resource centers is shown by offering the most powerful reasons to choose life: love,

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## Ash Wednesday

Join us at Eastmont Presbyterian for our Ash Wednesday service February 22 - 7:00 p.m. There will be no Mid-Week recharge, Youth Group, AWANA, Supper or Adult Bible Study. Mid-week recharge will resume on February 29.

Attention: High school seniors and college students, time is running out! Scholarships are available through Saddlerock Church. You may pick up a scholarship application (or renewal) at the front desk. The deadline for completing the application is February 15<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions please contact Gary Gavin @ 664-9061.



## Men's Retreat

March 2 - 3, 2012

Tall Timber Ranch  
Theme: "Get Back in the Race"  
Scripture: 1 Cor. 9:24

The 2012 Men's Retreat will feature Pastor Pat McElroy speaking on the theme "Get Back in the Race" based on 1 Corinthians 9:24. The retreat format will include Worship, Teaching Sessions and Small Group Sessions all located at Tall Timber Ranch.

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



## Financial News

Until further notice - please continue to make your contribution checks payable to First Presbyterian Church. We need our name change processed by the IRS before we can change our bank accounts. Thanks!

## Men's Breakfast



Saddlerock EPC

Saturday, February 4, 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.

## January Roses

### Births

Alexa Grace Boyce - parent Mariann Browne  
Baylynn Parker Fox - parents Kevin & Katie Fox

### Deaths

Gordon Larson, brother-in-law of Ed Carlisle  
Marvin Specker

Rich Boon would like to thank the corporate body of Saddlerock believers for all of the prayers, calls, cards, and emails that have been given for his recent successful hip replacement and on-going recuperation. May God bless each of you in return for your care and concern.

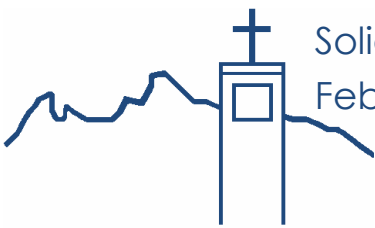
## Deacon Doodles

As an important part of our ministry and in an effort to stay connected with our church family, the deacons would like to visit folks, who for one reason or another are, unable to attend worship services. If you know of someone who would benefit from a visit, or if you or your entire family would enjoy visiting those who are shut in, please call or e-mail either:

Pat Lynn 884-5602 [palmom49@gmail.com](mailto:palmom49@gmail.com)  
Paul Pankey 663-1187 [paul@saddlerockepc.org](mailto:paul@saddlerockepc.org)

## Mission Scholarship

An annual scholarship has been established through the Community Foundation to encourage young people to consider and experience a foreign mission and to provide an opportunity to serve, learn and gain greater respect for the needs and ways that exist in another culture. The scholarship is open to high school juniors and seniors from Chelan, Douglas or Okanogan county. Applications are available at the Welcome Center or online at [www.cfnw.org](http://www.cfnw.org). Deadline is April 1, 2012.



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# February Birthday's

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