

Solid Rock Review

January 2012

The Blessings of the New Year to Come

2011 was a year of significant transitions for First Presbyterian Church of Wenatchee. God has led us to some new places while preserving and strengthening that which has always been good and glorifying to His Name. This is a time for thankful reflection on God's faithfulness. It is also a time of preparation for God's continuing work in us. While we celebrate some milestones in Him, we also know that He is not done with us yet! As of January 1, 2012, the following transitions will be complete:

1. Our denominational relationship will change from the Presbyterian Church in the USA to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church. While this is a change in affiliation, it is a better alignment with what we have always believed at our theological core. During the first eight weeks of 2012, our preaching series will be an exposition of passages that support the *Essential Tenets of the Christian Faith*, a guiding theological document of the EPC. That series will spell out for us the clarity of our long-held beliefs and their implications for the Lord's will for our common future.
2. Our corporate name will change from First Presbyterian Church of Wenatchee to Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Saddlerock is certainly representative of our location in a very specific way. EPC makes

our affiliation and theology clear. Though our name may change, our identity remains in Christ.

3. Our Presbytery relationship will change from the Presbytery of Central Washington, PC USA to the Presbytery of the Pacific, EPC. This will change the geographic size of our Presbytery. Our new Presbytery will include Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii, and portions of Idaho and Nevada. Session members will be traveling greater distances for Presbytery meetings. It will be challenging to maintain relationships. We are committed to overcoming these challenges by the grace of God in Christ. While this represents some new partners and new opportunities for ministry, it will not change our commitment to our long term ministry relationships here in Central Washington and specifically in the Wenatchee Valley.
4. Our budget for 2012 will increase significantly. Primarily, this will be a function of Personnel. The new budget includes a 2% COLA increase for staff for the first time in three years and the addition of a new position; Director of Hispanic Ministries. JT Tafolla will be joining us full time on January 1, 2012. This also includes a raise for the Senior Pastor contingent upon the conference of a Doctoral degree sometime during the course of 2012.
5. There will be a reconfiguration of office space in order to ac-

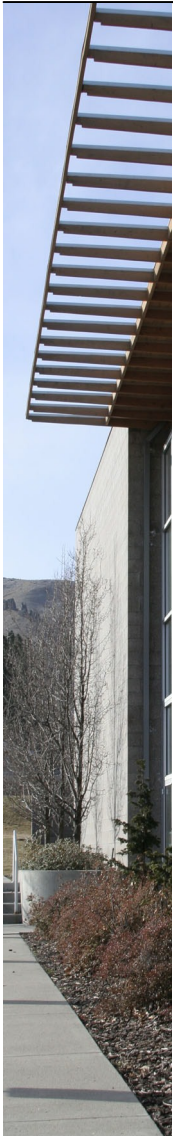
commodate our new staff member. The small conference room on the second floor will become the Director of Children's Ministries office. It will also function as a workroom for that ministry team. This means that we will lose the use of space as a meeting room for other ministry teams. The Director of Hispanic Ministries office will be in the old Director of Children's Ministries' office.

6. Our membership rolls will be accurate for the first time in many years. This will allow us the ability to make membership more meaningful and accurately assess our progress in care and growth. While our rolls may be trimmed, our commitment to one another remains the same.

While some things may change, our mission remains the same: to glorify God in all that we do. Our love remains the same: for the Triune God and His people. Our target remains the same: to make mature disciples of Jesus Christ.

During all of these transitions, God has brought His blessings as well. With the movement to our three service format, we are now averaging just shy of 600 in worship on a weekly basis. AWANA and our Youth Group are exploding with kids on Wednesday nights. We hear of new professions of faith and new movements of obedience in His people on a weekly basis. God is moving in powerful ways in our time, right here. What a privilege to be here when He is at work!

From Pastor Pat's Pen



Dear Saints of First Presbyterian Church of Wenatchee,
 2012 is here folks!
 We have been waiting for this new year as it is the move in date for our new denominational relationship. It behooves us to know that into which we are walking. The last two months we have been talking about what we believe about the Scriptures and what we believe about God. Now it's time to take a look at the Persons of the Godhead. First and foremost, what do we all believe about Jesus?

The EPC's statement reads as follows:

Jesus Christ, the living Word, became flesh through His miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit and His virgin birth. He who is true God became true man united in one Person forever. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. On the third day He arose

bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven where, at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He now is our High Priest and Mediator.

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

- Jesus is the *living Word*, the Word of God in the flesh
- Jesus became flesh through His *miraculous conception by the Holy Spirit* and His *Virgin Birth*
- Jesus is *True God* and *True Man* united in one Person forever
- He *died* on a cross as a sacrifice for our sins. This was the plan of God communicated in the Scriptures.
- On the third day He rose *bodily* from the dead.
- He *ascended* into heaven.
- He *sits* on God's right hand
- He is our *High Priest*
- He is our *Mediator*

This is what the Church has affirmed about Jesus from the moment of its revealing at Pentecost. Jesus was more than a great teacher. He was beyond a good example. He was more than an exceptional healer. Jesus was, is and is to come. He is the second person of the Trinity, the Alpha and the Omega, the Lamb

slain before the foundation of the world. He alone is God's means for our salvation. We praise Jesus as He is, fully human and fully God.

Do we have a lot to learn about Jesus? You bet. May we always be committed Him better and better every day and, as the Apostle Paul says to the Philippians, let us also live up to what we have already attained concerning our knowledge of Him.

This passion for Jesus is shared by all of God's people both now and in our past. We are inseparably linked to this truth, passed down to us from ages past and still very much alive today, having an everyday impact on our lives, our families and our community. Let us share Jesus in new and more powerful ways throughout our community for God's glory!

In Christ,

Pastor Pat

December Roses



Births

11/21 - Emma Cusick

Deaths

12/8 - Tom Clifton's grandmother

FISCAL FAITHFULNESS FPCW FINANCIAL SUMMARY STATEMENT

NOVEMBER

YEAR-TO-DATE

Budgeted Income	Receipts	Expenses	Variance	Budgeted Income	Receipts	Expenses	Variance
\$68,467	\$89,057	\$73,249	\$15,808	\$925,000	\$869,758	\$829,746	\$40,012

The View from the Bell Tower

The view from here is a new one. That is for several reasons, including a new year, a new denomination, a new church name, a new staff member, and a new opportunity regarding personal finances.

Of course, this month brings a new year, with splendorous fireworks all over the nation, including the Space Needle in Seattle. For many the new year brings a new start. Some will make "New Year's resolutions", most of which will not be kept.

As of the first of the month our church will be in a new denomination and presbytery, the Presbytery of the Pacific of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC). The Presbytery office is in Kent, south of Seattle. The geography of the presbytery, which was just formed in October of last year, 2011, includes California, Oregon, Washington, and parts of other states.

Along with the new denomination comes a new name - Saddle Rock Evangelical Presbyterian Church. Evangelical means we have

strong beliefs in the essential tenets of the Presbyterian faith. It does not mean every member will be required to go door to door like some other groups.

The first of the year will also be the beginning of "JT" Tafolla's position as the Director of Hispanic Ministries. The staff will welcome JT aboard with a celebration at our first staff meeting of the year, which will be in a "new" conference room, because the Director of Children's Ministry office will be moved into the current conference room, making their previous office available for JT.

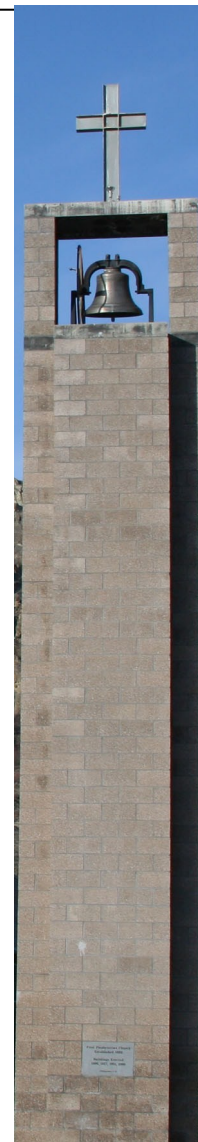
And, the new year brings us a new opportunity for improvement in our individual financial situations through attendance in one of the offerings of the Financial Peace University with Dave Ramsey. Not only is he a very humorous presenter, he provides valuable insights into how to handle our finances better, including how to negotiate a lower price for almost anything. One of the

good things about the course is that you get lots of good ideas without having to divulge your personal financial situation. That is strictly a private matter. Sessions will be offered as a Sunday School class during the second service on Sunday, on Wednesday at Recharge, and Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. Some small groups will be participating, as well, by using this as their study for the 13 weeks of the course.

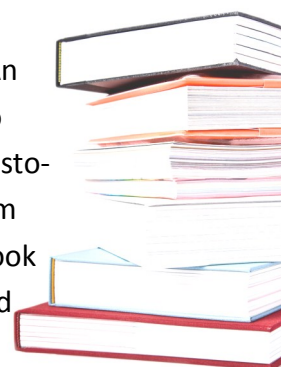
May the New Year bring great things for you and yours.

Blessings,

Pastor Paul



The book club will meet Friday, January 13, 6:30 p.m., at the Boer's, to discuss Doris Kearns Goodwin's book "**Team of Rivals, The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln.**" "An elegant, incisive study of Lincoln and leading members of his cabinet that will appeal to experts as well as to those whose knowledge of Lincoln is an amalgam of high school history and popular mythology...Goodwin has brilliantly described how Lincoln forged a team that preserved a nation and freed America from the curse of slavery." We chose this book for the 2012 election year to see "a portrait of effective democratic government in bad times, led by a political genius." The book is available in the book club section of the



Saddlerock Happenings

Winter Adult Education at Saddlerock Church

First, Presbyterians exist to glorify God in all that we do. For now, let's just focus on the word *all*. For several years, Adult Education has simply focused on what we offer for Adult Sunday school. Our practical reality has always been much broader than this. In fact, we have more members of our congregation involved in adult education opportunities throughout the week than we ever see in all of our classes on Sunday mornings. This year, we are being intentional about our range of offerings for adults, including those times during the week when the majority of our adults are taking advantage of growth opportunities in discipleship. To that end, we are highlighting the following opportunities for Adult Education:

Bible Study Fellowship for women

Monday evenings-6:45-9 PM-Saddlerock EPC Worship Center-Sarah Bowe facilitating

Thursday mornings-9-11:30 AM-Wenatchee Valley Free Methodist-Kim Ferderer facilitating

Bible Study Fellowship for men

Tuesday evenings-6-8 PM-Saddlerock EPC Youth Room-Stewart Cusick facilitating a prayer group that we hope will evolve soon into a men's BSF group.

Women's Bible Studies

Women's Bible Study-Wednesdays 10 - 11:30 AM - Sydna Pankey's home

Men's Bible Studies

Seniors Men's Bible Study-Tuesdays 9-10 AM-Jim Burdick facilitating-Large Conference Room

Men's Bible Study-Tuesdays -7-8 AM-Charlie Jones facilitating-The Smokehouse on Wenatchee Ave.

Precepts

Cindy Bumps facilitating: *Winter-Ephesians, Spring-Malachi*

Monday afternoons-3:45-6 PM-Youth Room

Tuesday mornings-9-11:15 AM-Youth Room

Jay Brunner facilitating: *Exodus*

Monday evenings-6:30-8 PM-Large Conference Room

Wednesday Night Recharge

Meal from 5:30-6:15 PM, classes for adults 6:30-8 PM

January 11-April 11-Financial Peace University-Pastor Pat McElroy facilitating

Saddlerock Happenings

Kindergarten

Sunday School Teacher Opening
During 2nd Service
Starting January 8th
Training and Materials Provided
Contact Ole Hedahl 393-4201 or
Nicole Hunter 670-3905

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. If you have any questions please contact Gary Gavin @ 664-9061.



TO ALL NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

God bless you and thank you for your faithful service throughout the past year. We appreciate your ministry to these precious little ones in our care. We would hope you would consider continuing your service in 2012. Please log on to volunteerspot.com/login/signin and sign up on the monthly calendar. If you have not registered on this site, please do so or call or email Kathy Berschauer at 509-888-5716 or kbersch@nwi.net. We are asking that each volunteer complete a volunteer questionnaire, a waiver, and an "essentials of faith" statement. These will be available in the church office or in the nursery each Sunday. Please get completed forms to Abbey Reynolds.

ATTENTION PARENTS!

Birth through Grade 4 - HELP US GET READY!

We've chosen KidCheck, a computerized check-in and security system, to help us with our children's check-in process. Launch Date: January 22, 2012. To speed check-in, create your free account by going to Kidcheck.com. Go to sign-up, select *I'm A Parent, Guardian, Employee, Volunteer*. Fill in your basic information and put *Saddlerock EPC* as your organization. Any questions, call Kathy Berschauer 509-888-5716. Parent brochures are available at the Welcome Center.

Winter Break

Mid-Week recharge will take a short break. No Youth Group, AWANA, Supper or Adult Bible Study on January 4. Mid Week recharge will resume January 11.



30 Hour Famine Lock-In

Join us in January for the 30 Hour Famine Lock-In Fundraiser. Students will be gathering pledges for going 30 hours; eating only small rations of rice & beans. In experiencing hunger, we can identify with those around the world experiencing hunger. Funds raised will go toward buying food for the East African Famine. We will also be assisting Serve Wenatchee Valley with combating hunger in Wenatchee by doing a food drive. Sign-up TODAY with Abbey!

Lock-in: Friday, January 20, 5pm– Saturday, January 21, 6pm.

Financial Peace University

Classes start January 8

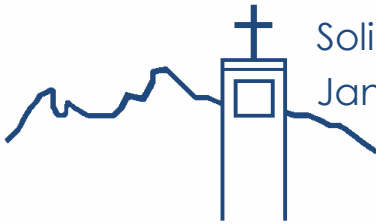
Sundays 10:45 am and 6:00 pm
Wednesdays 6:30 pm
In small groups at various times during the week

Call the church office for more information 663-1187.

Valentine's Dinner

February 10th 6:30–8:30 PM

We invite all adults to join us for entertainment and a wonderful dinner catered by Garlini's. Tickets are \$10 per person may be purchased beginning January 22.



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January Birthday's

Dick Garrecht	1/1	Helen Hanson	1/14	Juli Stevens	1/24
Kimberlee Ryan	1/1	Rick Schrader	1/14	George Dosser	1/25
Barbara Marotta	1/2	Jerry White	1/14	Jonathan Phillips	1/25
Annabelle McFadden	1/4	Marie Loudon	1/15	Rebecca Larsen	1/27
Jeff Sandberg	1/5	Roberta Rennie	1/16	Jack Fowler	1/28
Jeanette Whitley	1/5	Ole Hedahl	1/17	Paul Horner	1/28
Marcy Horne	1/6	Casie McGinness	1/18	Lyla Johnston	1/28
Marilyn Liddell	1/6	Jennifer Trimble	1/19	Karen Kunz	1/28
Orville Vanderlin	1/6	Jim Adamson	1/20	Abby Wilt	1/28
Jim Rolen	1/8	Austin Boese	1/20	Terry Hunter	1/29
Kristen Klock	1/9	Sharon Thayer	1/20	Barbara Larkin	1/29
Eric Fode	1/11	Bill Dalton	1/21	Zachary Scott	1/29
Marjorie Leighton	1/11	Sheila Dresker	1/23	Dian Thompson	1/29
Ray Reid	1/11	Dana Detjen	1/24	Carol Adamson	1/30
Katherine Crane	1/12	Kyle Hendrickson	1/24	John Pell	1/30
Greg Brizendine	1/13	Adi Mathison	1/24	John Groff	1/31
Rachel Brunner	1/13	Crystal Sill	1/24	Grace Hammond	1/31
Patty Drake	1/13				