



# Spirit of Faith

*Pastor Jim Deal  
Faith Presbyterian Church  
Of East Wenatchee  
January 2025 News Letter*

...to inspire and challenge believers to seek deeper ways of serving Our Lord, to motivate all people to follow Jesus Christ, and to nurture one another.

## **Taking Time to Abide**

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:4-5 (ESV)

This month, three of us from Faith Presbyterian will be taking part in the ECO National Gathering at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas, Texas. This is the annual gathering of our denomination, and includes seminars, worship, fellowship, and fun. I am so excited that Ron and Jeanne Lodge will be joining me this year!

The theme for the Conference is “Abide”. What does it mean to abide? The word “abide” is used ten times in the first ten verses of John 15. Looking at the Greek roots of the word, we discover helpful definitions. To abide is to “dwell,” “remain,” “be present,” and to “be held and kept.” Abiding addresses our posture and place. Where are we in proximity to Christ?

Sometimes in the Christian life, we can so caught up in some of the disciplines associated with it, like prayer, worship, and studying the scriptures, that we simply forget to “abide” with Christ. When that happens, we begin striving in our own power. Our first responsibility as a follower of Jesus is simply to spend time with Him, and to be with Him. May all of us do that, wherever we may be!

Please pray for the three of us as we participate in the National Gathering. We hope to return to you energized and inspired for another great year of ministry, as we seek to build a flourishing church full of faithful disciples. With God’s help, may we live up to our name, and be “people of faith!”

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Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jim

PS. Jeana and I would appreciate your prayers. We will be gone for a couple of Sundays this month. 2025 marks our 40<sup>th</sup> year as a married couple, and we are celebrating with a special trip.

## **The joy of Christmas Missions**

On Christmas Eve, Jeana and I and our son Jacob took all of the presents for our Christmas family to the family's home. Although they had been homeless, this single mother family recently moved into a low-income apartment.

There are four boys in the home. Although they were not home when we brought the presents by (due to them visiting their father who lives in Spokane), the single mother was very appreciative of the gifts. She confirmed what we had been told: that they are very interested in art.

We left them with some food as well as the gifts, and it was nice to know that this family, which had been couch-surfing until very recently, was now going to have a very Merry Christmas.

On a similar note, I recently took the hats and gloves and mittens from our Mitten Tree down to the Serve Wenatchee office. The staff there were very grateful for the gift. It seems like every time I go in that office to drop off donated food, there are people there who are looking for help of some kind.

Please know that our mission efforts in the community, to spread joy at Christmastime, and all year long, are greatly appreciated.

Pastor Jim, writing on behalf of the Mission Team

## Property Ministry Team plans for 2025

The Property Ministry Team thanks the congregation for their support in 2024, as embarked on some major projects, including replacing many exterior doors, remodeling the nursery, the “Feed the Lambs” room, and creating a worship closet.

Yet we are already looking ahead to projects to work on in 2025. Here are few we hope to tackle:

- A shade structure for our Patio of Praise
- A church security system
- Additional worship monitors in the fellowship hall & nursery
- Sound dampening in the fellowship hall
- Completion of safety railings in the hallway
- Completion of duct enclosure in the kitchen

Please pray for your Property Ministry Team as we seek to maintain and improve our facility and grounds so that we might become ever more effective in ministry!

Sincerely,

Pastor Jim, for the Property Ministry Team, which includes Elder Scott Kruse, Ron Lodge, Loren Fisher, and Ann Deal

## Pray for all affected by the California Fires!

Please remember in prayer those who have lost homes and businesses in the LA wildfires. Pray also for the firefighters. Cole Clark, son of Rusty Clark, has been mobilized to help. His father asked that we pray for him, and all of the other firefighters.

## January Birthdays

<i>Barb Arlt</i>	<i>1/07</i>
<i>David Stanfield</i>	<i>1/09</i>
<i>Ron Lodge</i>	<i>1/10</i>
<i>Connor Weldy</i>	<i>1/12</i>
<i>Star Christman</i>	<i>1/19</i>
<i>Myra Larama</i>	<i>1/14</i>

<i>Joann Sears</i>	<i>1/14</i>
<i>Jonathan Deal</i>	<i>1/28</i>
<i>Walker Kane</i>	<i>1/28</i>
<i>Pastor Jim Deal</i>	<i>1/29</i>





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Aaron Fishburn,  
Executive director

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2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>5 Communion Sunday</b>            10am Worship Service            11:31.5 Light lunch/            fellowship time &amp;            undecorating Party            3:00pm Redeemer            Church</p>	<p><b>6 Office Closed</b>            6pm Ginko Mineral            Society</p>	<p><b>7 Office Closed</b>            12:30p Knit Wits</p>	<p><b>8 Office is closed</b>            9:30 a Women's  <b>Bible Study</b>            6pm Iglesia de Dios Del            Septima Dia</p>	<p><b>9 Office Closed</b>            5:00 Redeemer Church  <b>6p Session in Conference            Room</b></p>	<p><b>10 Office is open</b>            10:30 Office is open</p>	<p><b>11 10am</b>            Iglesia de Dios Del            Septima Dia</p>
<p><b>12 10am Worship</b>            11:15 Fellowship            11:30 Celebration  <b>Ministry</b>            3pm Redeemer Church</p>	<p><b>13 Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>14 Office Closed</b>            PEO Women's Group            1 12:30p Knit Wits  <b>1:30 Board of Deacons</b>            7pm Snowmobile club in            conference room</p>	<p><b>15 Office closed</b>            9:30 a Women's  <b>Bible Study</b>            6pm Iglesia de Dios Del</p>	<p><b>16 Office Closed</b>            5:00 Redeemer Church  <b>Pastor Jim Leaves for            vacation</b></p>	<p><b>17 10:30 Office is open</b>            6pm Ginko Mineral            Society</p>	<p><b>18 10am</b>            Iglesia de Dios Del            Septima Dia</p>
<p><b>Pastor Mike Malmin/Serve</b>  <b>Wenatchee</b>            guest speaker  <b>10:am Worship</b>            11:15 Fellowship</p>	<p><b>20 Martin Luther King</b>  <b>Jr. Day</b>            Office Open</p>	<p><b>21 Office Closed</b>            5pm            Christmas Eve Service            7pm Redeemer Church            Christmas Eve Service</p>	<p><b>22 Office closed</b>  <b>9:30 a Women's</b>  <b>Bible Study</b>            6pm Iglesia de Dios Del            Septima Dia</p>	<p><b>23 Office Closed</b>            5:00 Redeemer Church</p>	<p><b>24 10:30 Office is open</b></p>	<p><b>25 10am</b>            Iglesia de Dios Del            Septima Dia</p>
<p><b>3pm Redeemer Church</b></p>						
<p><b>26 Chaplain John DeFrees</b>            guest speaker  <b>10am Worship Service</b>            11:15am Fellowship            3:00pm Redeemer            Church</p>	<p><b>27 ECO National</b>            Gathering in Dallas            Office Closed</p>	<p><b>28 ECO National</b>            Gathering            12:30p Knit Wits            7-9 Iglesia de Dios Del            Septima Dia</p>	<p><b>29 ECO National</b>            Gathering            Office closed  <b>9:30 a Women's</b>  <b>Bible Study</b>            6pm Iglesia de Dios Del            Septima Dia</p>	<p><b>30 Pastor Jim Returns</b>            Office Closed            5:00 Redeemer Church</p>	<p><b>31 10:30 Office is open</b></p>	