



Spirit of Faith

Pastor Jim Deal
Faith Presbyterian Church
Of East Wenatchee
December 2024 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.

A Time To Be Born

“While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child.”
Luke 2:6 NRSV

At the heart of the Christmas story is the birth of a child: the baby Jesus. In many ways, the timing was less than ideal from Mary and Joseph’s viewpoint. They were not even home when the time came! Instead, they were in Bethlehem, hometown of Joseph’s ancestors. Yet babies do not wait, and so she gave birth to her firstborn son there, using a manger for a bed...

Yet in many ways, Bethlehem was the perfect place and time for Jesus to be born. It was perfect in that Bethlehem was the birthplace of King David, and the location prophecied to be the birthplace of the Messiah. It was also the perfect time in that Israel and the whole world were longing for salvation, and hope. Jesus’ birth answered that longing...

How strange it is that the time and place which seemed most inappropriate for the birth of a child became the most perfect place and time of all!

I have been considering this truth since our second grandson, Mason Charles Deal, was born this month. He arrived in December 9th, which is Jeana’s birthday! It also happens to be the birthday of one of our nephews. Jeana’s comment was that Mason was the best birthday present she has ever received!

Watching our other grandson Logan meet his younger brother for the first time was a blessing for me and Jeana. He is the perfect age! At three years old, he understood who this baby was. On Wednesday, when Jonathan and Kristin brought Mason home from the hospital, Logan greeted them at the door and asked, “Do you have Mason?” Jonathan teasingly replied, “Who is Mason?” Logan replied, “He’s my baby brother.”

This month, as we contemplate the meaning of Christmas, the Gospels proclaim, "Jesus is born." The world asks, "Who is Jesus?" And Christians throughout the world loudly proclaim, "He's My Savior!"

May you all have a wonderful December, and a very Merry Christmas!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jim

We welcome new members!

We welcome our new members, who will be publicly received during worship on Sunday, December 15th.

John DeFrees grew up going to Camp Gilead, a Presbyterian-related camp. He and his wife Barbara have been married since 2001, and moved from Bothell to Entiat about twelve years ago. John is veteran, having served in the United States Navy. Although he has a degree in urban planning, John completed a course of study with Fuller Theological Seminary, and serves as a volunteer hospital chaplain. He has preached for us on a couple of occasions, and sings with our choir.

Barbara DeFrees grew up Roman Catholic. Yet her late daughter became an Anglican priest, and an organist. After a first marriage of 46 years, Barbara married John in 2001. She loves reading scripture. Although she has some mobility issues, Barbara is enthusiastic about life, and relishes her roles as a grandmother, and great-grandmother.

Nancy Uhlinger was born overseas, and grew up in Africa, where her parents were missionaries, as were her grandparents. A graduate of Linfield College in Oregon, Nancy came from an American Baptist background. An accountant who moved here from the Portland area to be near family, including Conrad and Judy Stone, Nancy is very involved in our Mission Team.

A Pledge to Help Our Church Thrive in Twenty-Twenty Five

Faith Presbyterian Church of East Wenatchee Stewardship Form for 2025

Name(s) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone Number _____
Email Address _____

Regular Financial Stewardship Commitment to help us thrive in 2025

Grateful for God's love, I (we) make the following commitment to support the regular mission and ministry of Faith Presbyterian Church

\$ _____ per ___ week ___ month ___ year

“So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.”

Galatians 6: 9-10

Please return this form on Stewardship Sunday (November 17, 2024).

Or, you may return it by mail, or drop it by the church office,
through the mail slot in the office door.

We would appreciate receiving all pledges by the middle of December.

Who will know about my pledge?

Only Shannon Weldy, our receiving treasurer, will know the amount of your pledge.

What if I need to change my pledge during the coming year?

Pledges may be adjusted, either upward or downward, by contacting Shannon Weldy

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Presbyterian Plumbing Problems!

Unfortunately, we have faced a couple of plumbing problems recently, but our Property Ministry Team has addressed them successfully.

The first was a leaking hot water heater! This small unit was located under the counter in the conference room. We honestly forgot about this particular water heater, as we have a larger, newer water heater in the church kitchen. However, our custodian, Mike Mattix, discovered it was leaking! This small water heater was over 25 years old, and desperately needed to be replaced.

The second concerns the replacement of our main water shut off valve, located in the janitor closet in the hallway. Our Property Ministry Team has also been quite concerned about this valve. Why? Although some work had been done on it before, it was old (original to the building!), and connected to a pressure reducer. Unfortunately, this valve needed adjustment. Yet plumbers were concerned that adjusting the pressure reducer might easily lead to failure of the main valve, leaving the entire church without water, and potentially making a huge mess.

Due to the serious nature of both of these issues, we had plumbers address both of them. The Property Ministry Team, as well as the Session, appreciates your generous giving which helps us maintain and improve our facility, enabling our Christian ministry to our community.



<i>Sally Killaby</i>	<i>12/3</i>
<i>Mike Reed</i>	<i>12/ 7</i>
<i>Robert Lewis</i>	<i>12/8</i>
<i>Jeana Deal</i>	<i>12/9</i>
<i>Mason Deal</i>	<i>12/9</i>
<i>Betsy Arlt</i>	<i>12/15</i>
<i>Sue Kane</i>	<i>12/15</i>
<i>Tara Abbott</i>	<i>12/16</i>
<i>Nicole O'Brien</i>	<i>12/17</i>
<i>Conrad Stone</i>	<i>12/17</i>
<i>Lori Reed</i>	<i>12/22</i>
<i>Randy Callihan</i>	<i>12/23</i>
<i>Judy Paris.</i>	<i>12/24</i>
<i>Christina Weldy</i>	<i>12/28</i>



Paul and Mary Ann Ford 12/20

Happy Anniversary



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Aaron Fishburn,
Executive director

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Monthly giving or one time donation

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Become a Volunteer!

We need feet on the
ground assistance!

Sign up below!





2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 Communion Sunday 10:am Worship Reception of New Members John & Barbara DeFrees Nancy Uhlinger 11:15 Fellowship</p>	2 Office Closed	3 Office Closed 12:30p Knit Wits 4pm Choir Practice 7-9 Iglesia de Dios Del Septima Dia	4 Office closed 9:30 a Women's Bible Study 7-9 Iglesia de Dios Del Septima Dia	5 Office Closed 5:00 Redeemer Church	6 10:30 Office is open	7 2 to 6pm Iglesia de Dios Del Septima Dia 3:30 p Applearies Concert @ Columbia Grove Covenant Church
<p>8 10am Worship Service 11:30 Church Potluck 3:00pm Redeemer Church</p>	9 Office Closed Birthday of Jeana Deal and Mason Charles Deal	10 Office Closed 11 PEO Luncheon 12:30p Knit Wits 7-9 Iglesia de Dios Del Septima Dia 7p Snowmobile Club in Conference Room	11 Office is closed 9:30 a Women's Bible Study 7-9 Iglesia de Dios Del Septima Dia	12 Office Closed 5:00 Redeemer Church 6p Session in Conference Room	13 10:30 Office is open 6pm Ginko Mineral Society	14 2 to 6pm Iglesia de Dios Del Septima Dia
<p>15 10:am Worship 11:15 Fellowship 3pm Redeemer Church</p>	16 Office Closed 5p Applearies Dinner in Fellowship Hall	17 Office Closed 1 12:30p Knit Wits 4pm Choir Practice 7pm Snowmobile Club 7-9 Iglesia de Dios Del	18 Office closed 9:30 a Women's Bible Study 7-9 Iglesia de Dios Del	19 Office Closed 5:00 Redeemer Church	20 10:30 Office is open	21 2p Funeral for Donald Curtis Brooks 7p Columbia Chorale @ Numerica PAC
<p>22 10:am Worship 11:15 Fellowship 3pm Redeemer Church</p>	23 Office Open	24 Christmas Eve Office Closed 5pm Christmas Eve Service 7pm Redeemer Church Christmas Eve Service	25 	26 Office Closed	27 10:30 Office is closed	28 2 to 6pm Iglesia de Dios Del Septima Dia
<p>29 Guest Preacher John DeFrees 10am Worship Service 11:15am Fellowship 3:00pm Redeemer Church</p>	30 Office Closed	31 Office Closed Deadline to Receive Financial Gifts				