



Spirit of Faith

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....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 for Us to Function As the Body of Christ

“For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.”
First Corinthians 12, selected verses

The analogy of the church as a human body is deeply rooted in scripture. The Apostle Paul was addressing significant tension, and even conflict in the church at Corinth. Paul is seeking to remind the congregation that they belong together. Paul even uses the humorous illustration of different body parts telling other body parts they do not belong to the body. Of course, that is ridiculous, but it can happen in Christian congregations, unfortunately.

Yet the parts of this chapter of Corinthians which apply to our church most right now are “the body does not consist of one member, but of many.” Why? **In less than a month, our church, Faith Presbyterian, will be hosting the Fall Gathering of the Presbytery of the Northwest!** Approximately fifty Presbyterians from all over Washington and Oregon will descend upon our church for a very busy 24 hours. The first event is a lunch on Friday, October 4th, and we wind up just before noon on Saturday, October 5th.

In order for us to host the Presbytery, we will need everyone’s time and talents. We will need deacons and others to prepare and serve food. We will need volunteers to serve as greeters and ushers. We will need people to serve in our sound booth for worship, and the meetings in the sanctuary. We will make use of Ron and Jeanne Lodge’s talents on the piano, guitar, and voice, as well as other musicians in our congregation.

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So how can you help?

Pray for the meeting. Pray for the Presbytery Host Team as they coordinate this huge responsibility. Pray for all the Presbyters traveling to the meeting.

Sign up to volunteer. We will have sign-up sheets for all sorts of things, from baking cookies, to serving as a greeter, to helping serve in the kitchen.

Come to worship, and the meetings. The Presbytery meeting is open to all, and I would encourage you to attend. Northwest Presbyterians are great people, and you will want to meet them! Plus, we have a great speaker, Rev. Dr. Kaitlyn Wood.

You will hear more specifics and details as the meeting draws closer. Yet in the meantime, I pray that our church will come together as a Body, to extend our hospitality to Presbyterians from around the Northwest on October 4th and 5th!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jim

PS. I also wanted to give you an update on my health. On Friday, August 30th, I was diagnosed with Covid. The doctor prescribed a course of Paxlovid, which I completed on Wednesday, September 4th. Fortunately, I am now feeling better, and my energy is returning more each day. I appreciate your prayers, as well as your understanding during my recovery. I am so thankful for John DeFrees for stepping in and preaching for me at the last minute. I genuinely appreciated it, and was able to watch the worship service from my couch at home.... I was not expecting to worship remotely (weird experience for a pastor!), but I am so thankful for technology which made it possible.

Remodeling Project enters final phase

As you may know, our church building has been a construction zone recently! We did some work in the church nursery, created a “worship closet”, a “technology closet”, and a closet for yard tools for our gifted Patio of Praise gardeners. Tony Perez and his company, JP’s Legacy Painting did the work, and did a wonderful job. They even laid a beautiful new Pergo floor in the church nursery. (Hooray! The smelly old carpet is gone!)

What is next?

Painting is the next phase of the project. Some volunteers from the Redeemer Church have offered to help with painting, so we are blessed by their time and talents. Fortunately, we have enough paint on hand for the project, although we will be buying some brushes, drop cloths, etc.

After painting, we will be putting things back in place. We have taken the opportunity during this remodeling to do some sorting. We have donated or thrown away items which are no longer needed. Somehow, churches can collect things over time. This is so that we can make our church as functional for our ministry as possible, without excess clutter.

When will the project be done? As you may have noted from elsewhere in the Newsletter, we are hosting the Fall meeting of the Presbytery of the Northwest of ECO on October 4th and 5th. We hope to have the project completely done by that meeting.

Please keep the Property Ministry Team in your prayers as they work on completing this important remodeling project.

-by Pastor Jim

September Birthdays



Erica Stanfield	3rd
Judy Stone	3rd
Josh Weldy	16th
Sue Anez	23rd
Martin Dial	25th
Bob Plumb	29th

September Anniversaries



Craig and Kathryn Sears.	9/14
Scott and Kris Kruse	9/19



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