



# Spirit of Faith

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*Faith Presbyterian Church*  
*Of East Wenatchee*  
*October 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.

## **Entering a Time to Rest, and Thanksgiving**

Jesus said to them, 'Come away with me. Let us go alone to a quiet place and rest for a while.' Many people were coming and going.

Mark 6:31

Our church was abuzz with activity on Friday and Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup>, as we hosted the Fall Gathering of the Presbytery of the Northwest. Brenda O'Brien, Jan Ottosen and many others showed up early in the morning to begin preparing a delicious taco bar lunch. In the late morning, Presbyterians from all over Washington, and a few from Oregon, began showing up at our church.

After registering and getting their nametags, our guests got their food and we shared lunch together in our fellowship hall. There were abundant beverage choices, and a well-stocked snack table was a fixture throughout the entire meeting.

Ron and Jeanne Lodge led the Presbytery with worship songs and hymns, as Shannon Weldy and others served in the sound booth.

Marie Coe organized dinner, which featured a pasta bar, salad, and bread sticks from the Olive Garden Restaurant, along with rice we provided, and a selection of desserts made by members of the congregation.

Saturday morning, a light breakfast was served, featuring fruit, muffins, and much more, coordinated by Barb Arlt.

We received many compliments from our guests, who were very impressed by our gracious hospitality.

Yet as Marie Coe observed after the Friday dinner, "I was really tired!"

Her comment, as well as all the work done by so many people in our church, brought to mind Jesus' invitation to his disciples, "Come away with me, and rest." The twelve disciples had been so busy ministering that they had not even had time to eat! Jesus invited them to enjoy a little well-deserved rest, after their busy ministry days.

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Jesus reminds us of the rhythm of life, and the concept of balance designed by God, and built into the fabric of creation. There are times when we are called to labor, and to work hard. Yet there are also times to rest, including times of Sabbath rest.

I wanted to write to you all and let you know the many, many compliments I received from our Presbytery guests about our gracious hospitality. They were also very impressed with our facility, and especially our Patio of Praise. One of them even asked, “Can we just hold the meeting out here on the patio?”

Well done, good and faithful servants at Faith Presbyterian Church!

Faithfully yours,

Pastor Jim

PS. We intentionally delayed the publication of the October Newsletter, to allow for this report on the Presbytery meeting. Thank you for your understanding!

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## **Who is part of the Presbytery of the Northwest?**

The Presbytery of the Northwest is currently made up of 32 churches, spread across Washington and Oregon. Our northernmost church is in Coulee City, Washington, and our southernmost church is located in Medford, Oregon.

Our newest church is also the one located furthest to the east. It is the Table Fellowship in Spokane, which was just chartered in March!

We have several churches in the Seattle area, as you might imagine.

One exciting development for our Presbytery is that we will be adding churches. Besides a couple of new churches within our bounds joining our Presbytery, the churches in Idaho and Alaska (about four in each state) will be joining us as well.

Please pray for the ministry of the Presbytery of the Northwest, as I serve as Moderator of the Presbytery through the year 2025.

Pastor Jim

## Church Potluck on November 3<sup>rd</sup>!

On Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will have a church potluck, immediately following worship. You are welcome to bring a dish to share. Even if you are unable to bring something, please do come, as we always have plenty of food. We look forward to seeing you all at the November Church Potluck!

## On November 24<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Decorations! Come help prepare for the Advent Season!



Even though it is over a month away, we wanted to let you know about our Church Decorating Party. We will have a special pasta dinner after worship on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. We will then spend time decorating our facility for Advent and Christmas. This will ensure that our church is decorated by the first Sunday of Advent on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Please do join us for this very special pasta dinner and decorating party on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.



*Sunday  
October 27th  
After service*

*11:15p Fellowship Time,  
honoring Pastor Jim*



We will be participating in Operation Christmas Child, where you are given the opportunity to pack a shoebox with toys for kids, to share the love of Jesus. Let Mission Elder Patty Rush know if you would like to participate this year. The Deadline is November 17<sup>th</sup>.

## *Happy Birthday to You !*

Pat Plumb	10/2
Pat Koehler	10/4
Florence Greenwalt	10/7
Elijah Dial	10/8
Jan Ottosen	10/10
Ellison (Elli) Lewis	10/13
Heath Rush	10/12
Jon Abbott	10/14
Sheila Callihan	10/15
Ken Smith	10/19
Jared James	10/23
Carol Hansen	10/25
Donna Schrock.	10/26
Mary Ann Ford	10/30



**Mike & Lori Reed  
10/25**

*Happy  
Anniversary  
to you!*



2024

		1 Office Closed 1:00pm Knit Writs 7-9 Iglesia de Dios Del Septima Dia	2 office closed 9:30a Women's Bible Study 7-9 Iglesia de Dios Del Septima Dia	3 Office Closed 5:00 Redeemer Church	4 10:30am Office is Open Noon Fellowship Lunch for Presbytery 1:00pm Worship and Presbytery meeting 5:30p Presbytery Dinner	5 8:30am Light Breakfast 9a -12p Presbytery Meeting 2-5pm Iglesia de Dios Del Septima Dia
6 World Communion Sunday 10am Worship Service 11:15p Fellowship Time 3:00pm Redeemer Church	7 Office Closed	8 Office Closed 1:00pm Knit Writs 1:30p Board of Deacons 7-9 Iglesia de Dios Del Septima Dia 7:00pm Apple Country Snowmobile Club	9 Office closed 9:30 a Women's Bible Study 7-9 Iglesia de Dios Del Septima Dia	10 Office Closed 5:00 Redeemer Church	11 10:30 Office is open 6pm Ginko Mineral Society	12 11:30a Serving Lunch at the Lighthouse Ministries 10am to 5pm Iglesia de Dios Del Septima Dia
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