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From the Pastor's Desk

In Doris Kearns Goodwin's illuminating biography, Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln she compares the lives of four political rivals; William Henry Seward, Edward Bates, Solomon Chase, and Abraham Lincoln. They had many things in common; ambition, passion for knowledge, and drive to make a difference in the world. The one thing that distinguished Lincoln from the rest was difficult and challenging circumstances. This ranged from losses in childhood to impoverished conditions. Somehow Lincoln's deficits became a driving force in his life. The sovereign Lord can take all aspects of our lives and make them work for good. As we reflect on the challenges of the past year and look forward to the coming year with eyes of faith, hope, and love it will be important to keep this in mind.

Our stewardship emphasis this past month has been a chance to reflect on the past year and look forward to where the Lord is leading us. To keep us connected in worship we invested nearly \$8500 in equipment to broadcast the service via Facebook and the website. We improved our website and figured out how to do church meetings via Zoom. Our Deacons continued and expanded their pastoral care ministry. We started new prayer and fellowship groups online. We adopted Amber Hills staff while continuing our ministry to Whitstran Elementary, our adopted school. We expanded our Emergency Fund to help those who were struggling financially and expanded our ministry with Jubilee Ministries for those struggling in our community. We came alongside of many through packets delivered and picked up at church (VBS in a box, gift bags for local pastors, Christmas Eve packets, Thanksgiving food boxes, Christmas food boxes, youth packets, treat bags for PSD staff).

In the coming year we are planning to restart our existing ministries with a special focus on several "recovery" ministries which we believe will be vital for us and the community of Prosser. We will restart Grief-share which helps those working through grief and we will start Divorce-care which works in a similar way for those working through divorce. We will start a new ministry called Celebrate Recovery which is a Christian 12 step group helping folks find freedom from addictions. We are also exploring programs that assist with financial recovery like "Faith and Finances." Additionally, we are looking forward to starting a 3-month paid internship for a senior high or college age youth giving them the opportunity to develop leadership skills and experience in ministry. All of this and more is possible because the Lord Jesus Christ has and will continue to provide through your generosity and willingness to serve!

This coming Sunday, February 7, is our Celebration Sunday which is the culmination of our stewardship emphasis. Typically, we come forward to lay our commitments before the Lord at the front of the sanctuary. Ellie and I will do this during our online service as part of our commitment to the Lord's work here. During the week you will also have the opportunity to come and lay down your commitment as an act of worship. We encourage you to spend some time in our sanctuary in prayer and reflection looking forward to what the Lord will do through us. If you want to come after typical office hours (9am – 4pm) please give me a call and I will come down and open for you. It would be great to see you! If you are unable to come in don't worry, we will be sending a self-addressed stamped envelope along with the commitment card.

In Christ, Pastor Paul Fredericks



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We Love
because He
first loved
Us.

1 John 4:19



How can we stay connected right now? Virtual Coffee Hour!

Our Sunday morning virtual coffee hour has been great! You can enjoy your own coffee from the comfort of your home all while seeing your church family. Join us Sunday's at 11am via Zoom. We have a host to help to engage us in conversation and prayer together. It would be great to see you!

Call me at 509-303-0765 or email at pfredericks@charter.net and I will get you set up.
Blessings, Pastor Paul Fredericks

RENOVATE

Our Lives. Our Building. Our Community.

RENOVATE Giving through 12/31/20 (pledge & non-pledge):	\$448,241
RENOVATE Commitments (adjusted):	\$450,480
RENOVATE Projected Cost:	\$618,000
RENOVATE Estimated Shortfall:	\$201,000

if you are interested in looking through our RENOVATE information packet they are available in the office

REMINDER:

In early December a letter was sent to update you on RENOVATE. Renovate was our 3 year building renovation campaign that started in 2018. We were able to make many beautiful changes and upgrades mostly to our main floor that we have now been enjoying for 2 years.

Many of you have responded and we are so grateful! If you haven't had an opportunity to respond and still would like to do that please mail your card back. If you have misplaced your card please reach out to Bonnie.

We appreciate your sacrificial giving that you have shown over the past three years. Call Bonnie if you have any questions. **Thank you.**

Celebration Sunday

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Over the next few weeks we encourage you to take the opportunity to come and lay down your commitment as an act of worship. We encourage you to spend some time in our sanctuary in prayer and reflection looking forward to what the Lord will do through us. If you want to come after typical office hours (9am – 4pm) please give Pastor Paul a call– it would be great to see you!

For those who are not able to come in there a few options for you to be able to make your commitment. 1) Go to our website (www.prosserpres.org), click on GIVE tab & then click on General Fund Drive. 2) You also received a church letter and commitment card (with envelope) that you can mail back to the church. THANK YOU!

General Fund Giving



January 2021

Actual Budgeted Income:	\$ 14,242.00
Actual Budgeted Expenses:	<u>\$-22,220.23</u>
Shortage	\$ -7,978.23

Giving options:

- mail your check (we have a secure, locked mailbox)
- drop your check off at the office
- set up bill pay through your bank
- go to our website www.prosserpres.org & look for the giving tab

Thank you for your commitment to our church family. If you have questions please call Bonnie at 786-1594.



HOW WE CAN STAY CONNECTED....

*Weekly mailings-we are providing family worship outline and study guide to you unless you call & let us know that it's not necessary to mail them to you.

*Weekly sermon materials are available on the website. You can choose to open and view or print.

*Facebook-sermon is live streamed every Sunday @ 10am.

*Website-sermon is available to watch any time

*Email blasts-we are sending out emails to our church family with any changes/updates and prayer requests.

*Our church family is being covered in prayer by staff and your Elders-we are family!

**The staff is available during the week for any concerns/ prayer requests, errands you need help with, or if you just need to talk.*



PROMISELAND

We pray for the day when all our church family can be at worship in the church together and Promiseland can meet in person. Until that time, your PL Team will continue our video lessons on Facebook/YouTube and will do the best we can to faithfully share the gospel!



Youth Group

Prayer ~Talk ~ Text
Email ~ Zoom

We are here for you!

**Times are strange and staying connected can be tough. Please feel free to contact Jacki for – well – for anything and everything! (really!)
509-378-9679 or jackim@prosserpres.org**

We understand that this school year looks different and it's certainly not what you were hoping for. Please know, that EACH of you are in our prayers!



Wellness

Cheri Eisen, is a licensed physical therapist that is offering Wellness classes here at the church. She focuses on geriatric wellness, fitness, strength, and general well-being. Classes are Monday & Thursday at 10am & another at 11:15am; \$5 each class. You may attend twice at no charge to see if this is something you would benefit from. Please call Cheri if you are interested as she can only have 4 per class right now. 816-510-5025



Daily Devotions

Reminder:

Our Daily Bread and Upper Room devotional books are available outside of the Yakima Ave entrance. They are stored in a clear plastic tote-please stop by anytime.

**Our staff is here for you! There will be one staff member in the office Mondays through Thursdays.
Please feel free to call any one of us on our cell phones:**

Pastor Paul 509.303.0765
Pastor Jacki 509.378.9679
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PRAY

Bonnie would like to start another prayer group via Zoom. If you are interested please call or text her at 832-0682. Prayer group is simply sharing prayer concerns and praying over them. Bonnie usually prays for all of the requests just in case you aren't comfortable praying out loud or in a group.



Bible Study

Eat, Pray, and Study

For those who want to go deeper personally and spiritually I am gathering a small group via Zoom at 7PM every Sunday to pray together and discuss the passage that was used in the sermon. In order to keep the discussion and interaction meaningful I will be limiting the size of the group to 10 people, but we have a few spots left. If you are interested email (pfredericks@charter.net) or call me (509-303-0765).

Pastor Paul



SNOW REMOVAL

As winter has arrived we are looking for a few people who are willing to help remove snow from our sidewalks. We have a snow blower available here at the church. We would like to have a team of 2 or 3 people to make sure the sidewalks are always clear and safe this winter. Please talk to Bonnie if you can help with this.



Social media platforms to keep connected:

Instagram: prosscercovenantpres

Twitter: @PCovenantPres

Church website: www.prosscercovenantpres.org

Find us on Facebook too!

We have compiled a list of current ministries as well as completed ministries. We are encouraged by the many ministries that are still happening! We are serving Christ together and would appreciate any positive feedback-do you have additional ministry ideas? Do you feel we have missed something? Do you want to help start a new ministry or add to this list?

CURRENT/ONGOING:

Prayer group via Zoom (Bonnie & Jacki)

Worship planning & preparation - Creative Team & Pastoral staff

Streaming services – worship team, production team, pastoral staff

Working with Jubilee Ministries for those in need outside of church

Emergency fund ministry ministering to those in church family w/ financial difficulties

Pastoral ministry via phone, emails, and cards

Planning (webinars & consultation with other churches and leaders)

Zoom meetings (weekly staff meetings & monthly Session)

Northwest Presbytery Pastoral Ordination Ministry Team – Pastor Paul & Jacki

Amber Hills staff support (encouraging notes & treats about once a month)

Whitstran staff support (encouraging notes & treats about once a month)

Deacons delivering communion packets once a month to home bound & others

Deacons; meals, cards, calls, and flowers

Youth Team-cards of encouragement, gift cards, journals and check ins.

Pastor Paul sermon study (Zoom)

Promiseland video lessons-weekly

Virtual Coffee Hour

COMPLETED:

VBS in a box

Youth group via Zoom

Gift bags to local Pastors

Treat bags to PSD bus drivers, maintenance, and food service workers

Thanksgiving food to 13 Whitstran Families

Christmas gifts and grocery gift cards to 14 families

Christmas Eve packets for our church family

RESTART/NEW:

Additional prayer groups via Zoom

Small group studies (group of 5)

Griefshare

Celebrate Recovery

Youth Internship

Divorce Care

February Birthdays:

2/01 Martha Williams
2/02 Mary Ellen Carman
2/02 Nekha Roehl
2/04 Colin Jansen
2/05 Beth Poteet
2/06 Dorothy Hughes
2/07 Damon Jansen
2/10 Gavin Steen
2/10 Hailey Rankin
2/11 Martha Nelson
2/12 Jeff Jensen
2/14 Matthew Taylor
2/15 Aaron Steen
2/16 Kayla Johnson
2/18 Monte Shaffer
2/20 Michelle Hall
2/21 Kooper Blair
2/22 Bill Nelson
2/25 Mason DeVriend
2/27 Jerry Fitzgerald



March Birthdays:

3/01 Karen Bell
3/02 Justin Cassidy
3/02 Katie Don
3/04 Jenny Urbanski



February Anniversaries:

2/06 Chad & Nancy Buckles
2/12 Jerry & Dawn Fitzgerald
2/14 Monty & Sandy Richman
2/18 Jan & Gerry Don
2/23 Jason & Adrienne Rainer

FEBRUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 10 & 11:15a Wellness Class	2 9a Bonnie's Prayer Group Zoom	3	4 10 & 11:15a Wellness Class	5	6
7 10a Worship- Facebook or Web 11a Virtual Coffee Hour 7p Paul's Study	8 10 & 11:15a Wellness Class 6p Session Mtg via Zoom	9 9a Bonnie's Prayer Group Zoom	10	11 10 & 11:15a Wellness Class	12	13
14 10a Worship- Facebook or Web 11a Virtual Coffee Hour 7p Paul's Study	15 Office Closed 10 & 11:15a Wellness Class	16 9a Bonnie's Prayer Group Zoom	17	18 10 & 11:15a Wellness Class	19	20
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