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From the Pastor's Desk

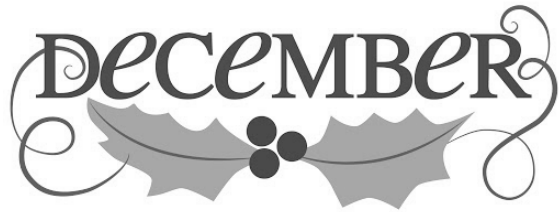
In changing times and circumstances, it is good to be reminded that there are some things that do not change. God Himself does not change. God is always faithful to you. He is always gracious and compassionate with you. He will always lead you in a way that is best for you. His purposes for you will always be the same. He wants you to grow in faith, hope, and love. This includes your love for Him and for others. The changing circumstances of our lives are merely opportunities that our Lord uses for growth in faith, hope, and love.

Some of the practices and traditions in our journey with the Lord help to remind us that God never changes. Advent and the Christmas season with its various traditions are healthy reminders of the unchanging nature of our Lord and Savior. With that in mind, this Advent season we will be looking at some of those “traditional” Christmas hymns in our sermon series. We will be unpacking those hymns that are near and dear to our hearts. Ones that we know by memory, but if we are honest we have not thought a lot about them. Each Sunday we will take one of those Christmas hymns and look at how they relate to what the Scripture says. We will be thinking together about, “O Come All Ye Faithful,” “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee,” “Silent Night,” and “Go Tell It on The Mountain.”

Another thing that does not change are the opportunities that the Lord gives to us to express His faithfulness and love. He will always provide us with these opportunities. Sometimes these occasions come in big ways and sometimes in small ways. We, as a church family, expressed the love and faithfulness of Jesus as we provided Thanksgiving food baskets to families at Whitstran Elementary School. We will have another opportunity to do this through our Christmas food baskets for these families and a couple of families at Keene-Riverview Elementary as well. Keep an open heart for how you might help. Always look for the smaller ways to express the love and faithfulness of Jesus especially in this time of change.

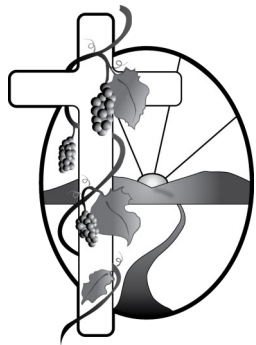
Blessings,

Pastor Paul



MERRY
CHRISTMAS

Blessings to you and your family!



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are celebrating advent through looking at four familiar Christmas hymns and we hope that you join us!

December 6: O Come, All Ye Faithful

December 13: Joy to the World!

December 20: Silent Night! Holy Night!

Christmas Eve: work in progress, stay tuned

December 27: Go, Tell It on the Mountain

Advent worship services will be available on Facebook and our website at 10am on Sundays.



Year end giving needs to be postmarked or dropped off at the church office by December 31 for it to be reflected on your 2020 giving statement.

Another reason to get your charitable contributions in by the end of the year due to the CARES Act:

1. Everyone will be eligible for a \$300 above the line deduction (regardless if you itemize or take the standard deduction) for cash charitable contributions made in 2020; and
2. For those that itemize deductions, the charitable giving deduction limit has increased from 60% to 100% of taxable income in 2020.

THANK YOU!



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:

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January—November 2020

Actual Budgeted Income: \$ 307,887.97*

Actual Budgeted Expenses: \$-278,415.15
\$ 29,472.82

***includes complete funding from the Paycheck Protection Program (\$38,593). See explanation below.**

RENOVATE Giving: \$427,766
(thru end of November)

RENOVATE Commitments: \$479,980

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

The Building & Stewardship Team with the support of Session is sending out a letter to update you on our Renovate campaign. Renovate is 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. Please take a moment to read through the letter, pray, and respond. We appreciate your sacrificial giving that you have shown over the past three years. Call Bonnie or an Elder from Building and Stewardship Team if you have any questions. Thank you.

Giving options:

- mail your check (we have a secure, locked mailbox)
- set up bill pay through your bank
- go to our website www.prosserpres.org & look for the giving tab
- if you are on a walk, you can drop your check in the secure, locked mailbox (staff checks the mail almost daily)

Thank you for your commitment to our church family. If you have questions please call Bonnie at 786-1594 or 832-0682.



BE THE
light
-MATTHEW 5:14

We are working on putting together “home” packets for Christmas Eve for you and your family. Please watch for an update via email.

*Weekly sermon materials (family worship, going deeper, and updates) are available on the website. You can choose to open and view or print.

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

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

*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.

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

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



As we celebrate the Christmas season take an opportunity to discuss with your youth the following: What is the Gift of Jesus? Why did he come? What does he ask of me? How can I show the Love of Christ to those around me this season? If I can be of any help this season please reach out to me. I would be happy to talk to you over the phone. Have a blessed Christmas season as we reflect on why we celebrate Christ's birth and ultimate sacrifice for us. Blessings, Shane



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

We are doing our best to stay connected with our youth during these different times. We are available to talk over the phone or through zoom if you are interested or need prayer. Parents, if you are comfortable, and your student is interested, please call to schedule a time. Parents you are always welcome to join the conversation.

Please just call or text to get that set up. Jacki 378-9679 or Shane 833-8851.

Thank You

We would like to extend many thanks to our church family for all the prayers, cards, flowers, texts and calls during Susie's recent cancer journey. We would not have made it through this difficult time without all of your support. Prayer changes everything. I am healing well, getting stronger every day and without chemo! What a blessing you have all been to our family.

God Bless each and every one of you!

Susie and Paul

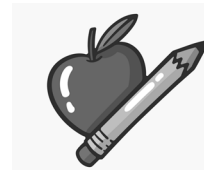


Reminder:

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.



Do we have your email address? We have a great email program that we use for prayer requests, upcoming church events, volunteer needs, and weekly updates. If you want to be added please call Bonnie.



We still have plenty of school staff members (paras, teachers, admin, and others) within our church family that could use our support. Would you consider adopting one of them? What are the expectations of adoption? 1) intentional prayer specifically for that person 2) encouraging notes 3) checking in with that person through email or text or phone call 4) any other way that you can think of to support that person.

We are asking you to commit to the full school year as they navigate many changes and challenges. We are so grateful for the gifts God has given each one of them and this is one way we can encourage them and show our support. Call Bonnie if you are interested.

PRAY

Bonnie has started another prayer group via Zoom. You are invited to join-Monday's at 4pm. If you would like to be a part of this please email her. Prayer group is simply sharing prayer concerns and praying over them.



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.



The Gifts Of Christmas advent devotional is available. We encourage you to pick one up as they are in the plastic tote outside of the Yakima Ave entrance.



Social media platforms to keep connected:

Instagram: prosscovenantpres

Twitter: @PCovenantPres

Church website: www.prosscoperpres.org

Find us on Facebook too!

Christmas Families



This year has been difficult for many and different for all of us! It couldn't be a better time to continue to show our support to 13 Whitstran families through providing groceries and Christmas gifts.

Please add these families to your prayers!

Here are some thing you need to know:

*consider making a monetary donation to help purchase food and hygiene items (\$125-\$150 is spent on each family). Please write "food boxes" in the memo line of your check

*if you would like to take a Christmas tag or two please call Bonnie (cell 832-0682) and she will email you their specific needs and sizes. We have over 75 tags all together!

*if you aren't comfortable shopping but want to take a tag we can help with the shopping

*deadline to bring wrapped gifts back is Wed., December 16. Please label each gift so that we can get them matched up to the correct family.

Thank you & Merry Christmas!

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

12/01 Wyatt York
12/02 Jacki McNair
12/04 Chris Friberg
12/05 Jeremy Poteet
12/05 Casey Jensen
12/05 Sadie Andrews
12/07 Abby Jensen
12/10 Cathy Stevens
12/15 Wilma Martin
12/18 Randy Taylor
12/19 Chris McNair
12/23 Sofia Martinez
12/23 Olivia Jensen
12/24 Don McFerran
12/24 Kelsey Rollinger
12/28 Adrienne Rainer
12/28 Dennis Pleasant
12/28 Danielle Weaver
12/29 Greg Robertson
12/29 Lois Lyon
12/29 Abby Fitzgerald
12/30 Robin Humberstad




January Birthdays:
1/02 Carl Moore



December Anniversaries:
12/21 Phil & Karen Bell

DECEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9a Bonnie's Prayer Group Zoom	2	3	4	5
6 10a Worship- Facebook or Web 7p Paul's Study	7	8 9a Bonnie's Prayer Group Zoom	9	10	11	12
13 10a Worship- Facebook or Web 7p Paul's Study	14 6p Session Mtg via Zoom	15 9a Bonnie's Prayer Group Zoom	16 Christmas Gifts Due	17	18	19 Deliver food & gifts @ 1p
20 10a Worship- Facebook or Web 7p Paul's Study	21	22 9a Bonnie's Prayer Group Zoom	23	24 Christmas Eve Service (more info to come)	25 	26
27 10a Worship- Facebook or Web 7p Paul's Study	28	29 9a Bonnie's Prayer Group Zoom	30	31		