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From the Pastor's Desk

Stewardship

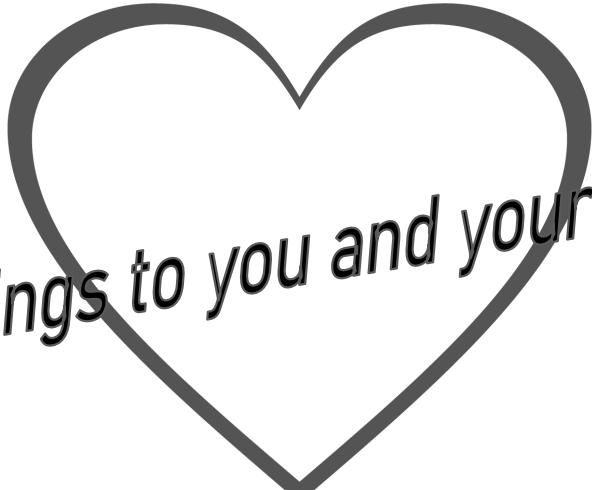
This coming month, as we as a church family move into this new year, we will be looking at what the Scripture says about what we do with the resources that the Lord has graciously given to each of us. Your generosity continues to be of vital importance so we can keep the church strong resource-wise for the new ministry opportunities we will have on the other side of Covid19. We are expecting that recovery type ministries will be much more important in this time - helping people to recover emotionally, spiritually, and financially.

The framework we will use in the sermon series is one that John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist church used when summing up what the Bible said about the resources God has given to us, "Earn all that you can, save all that you can, and give all that you can." The Bible's guidance on money and resources is very practical and timeless. We will start this series with Jesus' parable of the "shrewd manager" in Luke 16:1-13. This is a rather jarring parable where Jesus appears to endorse dishonesty. If you have ever wondered about this passage this will be a great opportunity to look a little closer at an invaluable message about using the resources the Lord has given to us. This parable will provide a "lens" for seeing what the Scriptures say about earning, saving, and giving.

In the following weeks we will look more closely at earning money, saving it, and finally living generously. During this time, we will be looking at the ministries that are continuing, the ones that will re-start with re-opening, and the new ones we feel the Lord has placed in front of us this coming year. In addition to the sermon series we will email a daily devotion for the month of January. You and your generosity are an important part of our ministry and vision for this coming year. Thank you!

Blessings,
Pastor Paul

January



Blessings to you and your family!



COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

January 10: Introduction, Pastor Paul Fredericks

January 17: EARN, Pastor Paul Fredericks

January 24: SAVE, Pastor Jacki McNair

January 31: GIVE, Pastor Paul Fredericks



Virtual
Coffee
Hour

Life Together

How do we share life together in difficult times? During his time in Nazi concentration camp pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote the book, Life Together. In it he gives us a glimpse of Christian community in unique and difficult circumstances. He shows us that Christian community is not only essential in our journey of faith, but that less than optimal circumstances requires that we use our God-given creativity to find ways of being there for one another. Beginning this Sunday we're offering a virtual coffee hour via Zoom at 11AM. We will have a host to help to engage us in conversation and prayer together. We will provide you a guide for navigating Zoom. 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

REMEMBER REMINDER

The Building & Stewardship Team with the support of Session sent out a letter to update you on our Renovate campaign in early December. 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.**



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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Thank you for your generosity!



<u>January—December 2020</u>	
\$	Actual Budgeted Income: \$ 337,223.97*
	Actual Budgeted Expenses: <u>\$-306,531.43</u>
	\$ 30,692.54
*includes complete funding from the Paycheck Protection Program (\$38,593).	

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.	

RENOVATE Giving (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	

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





PROMISELAND

Happy New Year from your
Promiseland Team!

As we begin a New Year we find that our timeline for Video Promiseland has gone on much longer than we had hoped. 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!

Thank You

Thank you for your generosity in purchasing Christmas gifts and giving monetary donations towards groceries. We were able to help 14 families by providing them each a gift (or two) and a grocery gift card. We know God used our church family to bless others in our community.



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 for the remainder of the 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 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: [prossercovenantpres](#)

Twitter: [@PCovenantPres](#)

Church website: www.prosserpres.org

Find us on Facebook too!



OUR MINISTRIES

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)

Zoom meetings (weekly staff meetings & monthly Session)

Northwest Presbytery Pastoral Ordination Ministry Team – Pastor Paul & Jacki

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

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

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

Meals and flowers provided through the Deacons

Pastor Paul sermon study (Zoom)

Promiseland video lessons-weekly

COMPLETED:

VBS in a box

Youth group via Zoom

Youth pastoral ministry-gift cards, journals, and cards of encouragement

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

NEW/LOOKING INTO:

Additional prayer groups via Zoom

Small group studies (group of 5)

January Birthdays:

1/02 Carl Moore
1/08 Melissa Jensen
1/10 Libbey Tudor
1/11 Jeremy Don
1/11 Linda Thomas
1/12 Joan Friberg
1/13 Lynn Blair
1/14 Emma Anaya
1/14 Heather Johnson
1/15 Patsy Mercer
1/17 Melissa Candanoza
1/17 Dorothy McKinley
1/17 Kimber Richman
1/17 Reagan Tudor
1/18 Anne Walker
1/18 Glenda Miller
1/19 Tyler Renollet
1/19 Joann Schnellbach
1/20 Chad Buckles
1/22 Pete Don
1/26 Sean Hall
1/26 Linda Freepons
1/27 Kevin Cassidy



February Birthdays:


2/01 Martha Williams
2/02 Mary Ellen Carman
2/02 Nekha Roehl
2/04 Colin Jansen
2/05 Beth Poteet



January Anniversaries:

1/20 Mathew & Dany Taylor

JANUARY 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 	2
3 10a Worship- Facebook or Web 7p Paul's Study	4	5 9a Bonnie's Prayer Group Zoom	6	7	8	9
10 10a Worship- Facebook or Web 11a Virtual Coffee Hour 7p Paul's Study	11 6p Session Mtg via Zoom	12 9a Bonnie's Prayer Group Zoom	13	14	15	16
17 10a Worship- Facebook or Web 11a Virtual Coffee Hour 7p Paul's Study	18	19 9a Bonnie's Prayer Group Zoom	20	21	22	23
24/31 10a Worship- Facebook or Web 11a Virtual Coffee Hour 7p Paul's Study	25	26 9a Bonnie's Prayer Group Zoom	27	28	29	30