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From the Pastor's Desk

When I was in grade school, we used to play a game that was vaguely related to football. Someone would throw or kick the football and then who ever caught it would run anywhere he could. Everyone else tried to tackle him. We did not bother with boundaries or end zones. That was far too organized. When the person with the football was actually tackled, we would all “pile on” that kid. Fortunately, none of us were all that big so there wasn’t too much damage. We would do this over and over again and we thought it was great fun. I am really not sure why.

It seems like whenever I turn on the news it is kind of like a “pile on.” One thing after another keeps landing on us. We are certainly living in tumultuous times. I find that it helps to remind myself that others in this journey of faith have had “pile on” kinds of experiences. I am sure Joseph felt “piled on” by his brothers and then circumstances of his life. I imagine that David felt the same as he was pursued by King Saul. All of the churches in the time of the New Testament lived under Roman occupation and experienced persecution. In all those circumstances the Scriptures remind us that God was faithful.

One of the New Testament churches that was experiencing some “pile on” was the church in Thessalonica. As the Apostle Paul wrote them, he said, “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 4:16-18). I find it helpful to take a break from the news and the social media stuff. If I go through my day looking for the things that I can be thankful for because the Lord of All has the whole world in His hands, I am strengthened psychologically, emotionally, and spiritually. Thankfulness in all circumstances teaches me to look for the hand of God and to trust in Him. It is a great spiritual discipline to practice every day. Give it a try.

Blessings,
Pastor Paul

July

We miss you church family!

Covenant Presbyterian Church



Stay connected...

- *Our website is being updated weekly, www.prosserpres.org
- *Weekly sermon materials (family worship, going deeper, and updates) are available on the website. You can choose to open and view or print.
- *Facebook-you can find posts about upcoming sermons.
- *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.
- *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!

Social media platforms to keep connected:
Instagram: [prossercovenantpres](#)
Twitter: [@PCovenantPres](#)
Church website: www.prosserpres.org
Find us on Facebook too!

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.

Our staff is here for you!
Please feel free to call any one of us on our cell phones:

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Pastor Jacki 509.378.9679

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January—June 2020

Actual Budgeted Income: \$ 173,407.97*
Actual Budgeted Expenses: \$-150,657.84
\$ 22,750.13

*includes 3 pledges fulfilled for the year & **partial funding we received through the Paycheck Protection Program (details coming soon)**

RENOVATE Giving:	\$406,281
(thru end of June)	
RENOVATE Commitments:	\$479,980
RENOVATE Projected Cost:	\$618,000
RENOVATE Estimated Shortfall:	\$138,020



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

It is with immense gratitude and a sense of humble awe that I share this with you. As we have been going through this time of uncertainty one concern has been how this might impact our church family financially. This concern is amplified by the fact that I believe that on the other side of this we will be seeing a new kind of ministry need - to come alongside of those who have been set back financially because of lost jobs and lost paychecks. To minister in this "new normal" I believe it will be vitally important to keep the church strong resource-wise. It is with great joy that I tell you that people have been amazingly diligent with their giving and some have even gone above and beyond! We have also seen people giving extra to our emergency fund which we use to help those in difficult financial situations. Thank you for your generosity! This is an amazing church family! Blessings, Pastor Paul

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.

How to Set Up Your Amazon Smile Account

Shop AmazonSmile and support our church! AmazonSmile offers the same great products, deals, and shopping experience as Amazon, the only difference is Amazon donates a portion of your purchase price to the charitable organization of your choice. Simply visit smile.amazon.com you can log in using your email and password as if you were at amazon.com. From there select Covenant Presbyterian Church of Prosser WA (note that they spelled Prosser wrong not us) as the charitable organization you would like to support. There are a number Covenant Presbyterian Churches out there so make sure it is the one in 'Prosser WA.' AmazonSmile will save that information and will make a donation every time you purchase through smile.amazon.com

Step One: Go to smile.amazon.com log in using your email and password as if you were at amazon.com from there select a charitable organization you would like to support.

Step Two: Select the Covenant Presbyterian Church of Prosser WA.

Step Three: Shop, Amazon Smile will remember the charity you selected and will always donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to that charity.



During this time of being separated from our church family it is so important to keep in touch with each other! We need to hear from our church family whether that's a card, phone call, email, or text.

This is a great time to make sure we have everyone's correct contact information. Please contact Bonnie if you have an address change, phone number change, or have a new email.

Bonnie will be printing the directories towards the end of this month so that we can get an updated copy in your hands. Please feel free to call or email Bonnie at bonniea@prosserpres.org.

Thank you!

YOUTH INFO

Effective Wednesday, July 1st youth will meet on Zoom at 7pm for the month of July.

Same meeting code and password.

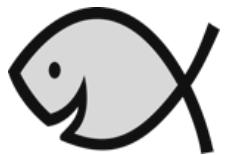
Meeting code 371-474-470 password 8851

Youth Sunday School will start back up in the fall.

CONTEST

YOUTH CONTEST:

Details are on our Facebook page as well as our website. If you don't have internet access text, call or email me and I will send out a packet to your family. As part of the contest we are memorizing scripture so encourage your youth to dig deep into God's Word during this season.



If you need to contact me for any reason my cell is (509) 833-8851. If you would like to talk face to face we can set up a private meeting via zoom. Be safe but remember Matt 6:25-35 God knows where we are at.

Shane Williams



**Inviting families
to dive into fun at
Operation Overboard:
Dare To Go Deep With God
Vacation Bible School In A Box!**

Everything you need to have VBS at home!
***Bible Stories *Crafts *Games**
***Science Adventures *Snacks**

You may pick-up your VBS Box up at the church:

Sat. August 1st ~ 9:00-12:00

If this isn't convenient, please call and make arrangements for a different pick-up time.



Church: 786-1594

Jacki: 378-9679





Church Survey

A quick survey was either mailed or emailed to you. If you haven't had a chance to take the survey please do that in the next few days if possible. We appreciate your feedback.

As many of you are aware Loreta Brown is moving in with her daughter in Renton. Here is Loreta's new information.

Loreta Brown
462 Edmonds Ct NE
Renton, WA 98056

You may leave a message for Loreta at 425-999-7894 and she will return your call. This is her daughters Lorinda's phone.

BE THE
light
-MATTHEW 5:14

I SAW JESUS WHEN....

If you have an experience you would like to share please email Bonnie at bonniea@prosserpres.org

These stories can uplift and encourage others during this difficult time of anxiety and separation.

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.



Recently I have read several books and articles on youth ministry trends. The research shows several trends that are of interest. The trend I want to share with you is the level of teamwork between youth team and parents. The greater the strength of that relationship between parents and team, the better the outcome of the youth ministry program. When parents connect with the youth team, they are able to reinforce the lessons learned. By asking questions about what the youth are learning they give value to both their youth and the ministry. The more multigenerational engagement (parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles) the better. In an effort to improve this area I am asking three things. If you have a youth in our program reach out to me on ways to connect and engage with our program. Second ANYONE that has a heart for these youth and wants to be of service contact me and we will find a way to plug you into the program that works for you and the program. Third please pray for our youth, for the youth team, for those that are not yet a part of our church community.

Pastor Shane

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7/1 Morgan Rainer
7/2 Jenna Schnellbach
7/4 Bob Elder
7/6 Isabella Martinez
7/07 Jeremy Nelson
7/07 Jodi Sabin
7/09 Hannah Schmick
7/12 Heather Fredericks
7/13 Angel Castillo
7/14 Rob McKinney
7/15 Pat Love
7/15 Kathy Banton
7/18 Evelyn Schell
7/18 John Carman
7/18 Edie Jones
7/20 Amelia Jensen
7/21 Ramona Moore
7/23 Libbey Brown



JULY 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4  Happy 4th!
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
10a Worship on Facebook			7p Youth Group (Zoom)			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
10a Worship on Facebook	Session Meeting via Zoom @ 6p		7p Youth Group (Zoom)			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
10a Worship on Facebook			7p Youth Group (Zoom)			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
10a Worship on Facebook			7p Youth Group (Zoom)			

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/01 Danny O'Neill
8/03 Nyla Pearsall-Renollet
8/05 Tania Krastanova
8/05 Gayle Seifert



7/10 Justin & Lindsey Andrews
7/11 Stewart & Clare Padelford
7/21 Alan & Edie Jones
7/21 Greg & Sandy Robertson
7/21 Eric & Judy Harwood
7/27 Jesse & Melissa Candanoza
7/29 Sean & Michelle Hall