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From the Office Managers Desk



In the September newsletter I shared with you how important my devotional time has been to me and this month I'm excited to share with you about how God has led me to stepping outside my comfort zone through *prayer*.

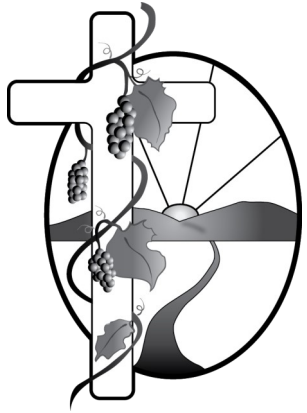
Most days I follow up my devotions with writing in my prayer journal. I have kept a prayer journal for several years and I enjoy looking back for several reasons; reminiscing a special occasion in my life, or remembering a friend/relative that has passed, or reading about a struggle and how God brought me through that, not to mention seeing all the blessings that come from Him. One thing I do in my prayer journal is when my prayer is answered I put an A (for answered or AMEN) next to it. As I flip through my journal many prayers have been answered, maybe right away or several years later, maybe not how I wanted Him to answer, but He still answered them.

Towards the beginning of COVID I felt the Holy Spirit leading me to start a prayer group through Zoom. I felt His calling to pray with others on a regular basis even when we can't be together. I emailed a few friends and asked my trusty side-kick, Jacki to join (for my comfort) to help me get it started and it has been such a blessing for all of us. We share what is going on in our lives and our prayer requests. We laugh and cry together too. I am getting to know these gals and I know I can reach out to them at any time. More recently, I have started another prayer group through zoom. This is such a blessing and I look forward to it every week. If you are interested in joining please let me know. I understand many people are not comfortable praying and I was one of them. But the more I practice (staff prayer has helped me a lot) the more confident I become. There is never pressure to pray out loud if you are not comfortable. I trust God is forming enriching, genuine relationships through these groups; with Him being our solid foundation.

To my church family- I love you and I am so thankful for you! Bonnie Anaya

**We are back open with
limited seating-please
RSVP online or call the
church office.**

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Give
THANKS
WITH A GRATEFUL
HEART 1 Thessalonians 5:18

*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!

Stewardship

Typically, this is the time of year that we, as a church family, take some time to look at what the Scripture says about what we do with the resources that the Lord has graciously given to each of us. Summing up what the Bible said John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist church, said, "Earn all that you can, save all that you can, and give all that you can." These are important topics that we were planning to talk about, but as we thought and prayed about it as leaders, we felt that it was more important to think through our response, as God's faithful people, to some of the polarization in our country. Stewardship is important and we will talk about it in January, but our witness to our world is a more important issue right now.

Please realize that this commitment is a step of faith for us as a church. We are living in financially uncertain times and to postpone our regular stewardship campaign is a risk. All of you have been generous in keeping this church strong resource-wise and we trust that your generosity will continue and perhaps even grow. What this community and this nation need more than anything else is God and your willingness to keep us strong financially is an important part of us continuing to point people to the Lord of All.

Blessings, Pastor Paul

Our staff is here for you!

Please feel free to call any one of us on our cell phones:

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January—October 2020

Actual Budgeted Income: \$ 282,069.67*

Actual Budgeted Expenses: \$-253,658.58
\$ 28,411.39

*includes 3 pledges fulfilled for the year & **complete funding from the Paycheck Protection Program (\$38,593). See explanation below.**

The Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) is a federally funded program through the Small Business Association (SBA) that provides funding to small businesses and non-profit businesses. The PPP was established with the intent to keep employees employed during COVID. Our Session moved with the opportunity so that main staff could remain employed while the church building is closed. We were approved for \$38,593; these funds can only be used on payroll and utilities. The funding has come through and will be used in compliance to the SBA requirements so that it will be 100% forgivable. If you have any questions please reach out to Bonnie.

RENOVATE Giving: \$419,406
(thru end of October)

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

Giving options:

- bring to church & place in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary
- 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.

Thanksgiving Food Boxes

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 for Whitstran families through our food boxes.

Everything will be similar to how we have ran this outreach in the past and there are several ways you can help.

- *pray for families who will be receiving the food boxes
- *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
- *let Bonnie know if you would like to help pack food boxes on Friday, November 20 @ 1pm
- *this year we will set up at Whitstran Elementary and have families come pick up their food items on Saturday, Nov. 21 from 2-4p. please let Bonnie know if you can help.

Thank you & Happy Thanksgiving!





*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!*

I would like to stay connected with our youth by continuing to offer meeting for an afterschool lunch or snack in small groups. We will be mindful of COVID precautions and keeping numbers in a group of 5 or less. Parents, if you are comfortable, and your student is interested, please call me to schedule a time. Parents you are always welcome to join. Jacki is available too!
Shane (509) 833-8851

Jacki and Shane are also available if you or your youth would like to meet. Please just call or text to get that set up. Jacki 378-9679 or Shane 833-8851.

Thank You



Thank you, to all of our church family for phone calls, cards, messages, moving furniture and plants & flowers. Thank you to those who contributed with Memorial gifts. Thank you to those who attended Tom's viewing and graveside service. We appreciate the kindness and prayers and virtual hugs in our time of loss. God bless, Ginger Quaresma & Tiffany Nevala

Thank you! We had our best turn out for decorated trunks and everyone had a great time! Thank you for all the candy donations-that was so appreciated!



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.



Wellness

Wellness Classes have started back up with PT Cheri Eisen. Classes are at 10am and 11:15am on Monday's and Thursday's. Guidelines will be in place to keep clients safe. If you are interested please call Cheri at 816-510-5025.



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 12PM every Sunday to pray together and discuss the passage that was used in the sermon. You can do it over lunch if you wish. 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



Jeremey & Wendy Poteet invite you to their baby shower! Saturday, November 14 from 11am to noon for our church family. This will be a "pass thru" baby shower in our narthex where you can stop by to visit, hang out, & leave with a goodie bag. They are asking you to please wear a mask (to keep Wendy & baby safe) and to stay home if you haven't been feeling well. They are registered with several stores but it's all in one handy website:
<https://www.babylist.com/baby-wendy-d-poteet>
Thank you! Any questions please call Sue



Social media platforms to keep connected:

Instagram: [prossercovenantpres](#)

Twitter: [@PCovenantPres](#)

Church website: www.prosserpres.org

Find us on Facebook too!



30-Day Bible Scripture

CHALLENGE

Day 1 Colossians 4:2 "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;."	Day 2 2 Corinthians 9:15 "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"	Day 3 1 Thessalonians 5:18 "...in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."	Day 4 1 Chronicles 16:34 "Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."	Day 5 1 Corinthians 15:57 "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."	Day 6 Psalms 106:1 "Praise the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever."
Day 7 Colossians 3:15 "In You, O Lord, I put my trust; Let me never be ashamed; Deliver me in Your righteousness."	Day 8 Psalms 100:4 "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name."	Day 9 Psalms 107:21 "Oh, that men would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!"	Day 10 Colossians 1:12 "...giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light."	Day 11 Psalms 79:13 "So we, Your people and sheep of Your pasture, will give You thanks forever; We will show forth Your praise to all generations."	Day 12 Luke 2:38 "And coming in that instant she gave thanks to the Lord, and spoke of Him to all those who looked for redemption in Jerusalem."
Day 13 Leviticus 22:29 "And when you offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to the Lord, offer it of your own free will."	Day 14 Psalms 30:4 "Sing praise to the Lord, you saints of His, and give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name."	Day 15 Psalms 35:18 "I will give You thanks in the great assembly; I will praise You among many people."	Day 16 Psalms 69:30 "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving."	Day 17 Psalms 26:7 "That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all Your wondrous works."	Day 18 Psalms 95:2 "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms."
Day 19 1 Chronicles 16:8 "Oh, give thanks to the Lord! Call upon His name; Make known His deeds among the peoples!"	Day 20 Hebrews 13:15 "Therefore by Him let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of our lips, giving thanks to His name."	Day 21 Psalms 140:13 "Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name; The upright shall dwell in Your presence."	Day 22 Mark 14:23 "Then He took the cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank from it."	Day 23 Luke 17:16 "...and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan."	Day 24 Ephesians 5:20 "...giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,..."
Day 25 Philippians 4:6 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."	Day 26 Matthew 15:36 "And He took the seven loaves and the fish and gave thanks, broke them and gave them to His disciples; and the disciples gave to the multitude."	Day 27 2 Corinthians 2:14 "Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place."	Day 28 2 Corinthians 4:15 "For all things are for your sakes, that grace, having spread through the many, may cause thanksgiving to abound to the glory of God."	Day 29 Colossians 2:6-7 "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving."	Day 30 2 Thessalonians 2:13 "But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth..."

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11/03 Amy Halfmoon
11/03 Chad Don
11/04 Dick Poteet
11/06 Alan Steen
11/06 Jake Jensen
11/08 Gerry Don
11/09 Kathy Laws
11/10 Dave Keller
11/12 Cora Bailey
11/14 Larry Wolters
11/17 Susie McKinney
11/17 Alison Bestebreur
11/19 Gordon Miller
11/19 Paul Christopher
11/19 Emily Schmick
11/23 Heidi Bader
11/24 Luke Wolters
11/25 Glenda Schmidt
11/27 Grace Bestebreur
11/27 Isaac Bestebreur
11/27 Rebekah Bestebreur



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

12/01 Wyatt York
12/02 Jacki McNair
12/04 Chris Friberg
12/05 Jeremy Poteet
12/05 Casey Jensen



NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

11/02 Clint & Barb McMullen
11/17 Paul & Susie Christopher
11/29 John & MaryEllen Carman
11/30 Steve & Carol Carlyle

November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10a Worship (Facebook too) 12p Paul's Study	2 10 & 11:15 Wellness Class	3 9a Bonnie's Prayer Group Zoom	4	5 10 & 11:15 Wellness Class	6	7
8 10a Worship (Facebook too) 12p Paul's Study	9 10 & 11:15 Wellness Class 6p Session Mtg via Zoom	10 9a Bonnie's Prayer Group Zoom	11	12 10 & 11:15 Wellness Class	13	14 Jeremy & Wendy Poteet Baby Shower 11-12
15 10a Worship (Facebook too) 12p Paul's Study	16 10 & 11:15 Wellness Class	17 9a Bonnie's Prayer Group Zoom	18	19 10 & 11:15 Wellness Class	20 Pack food boxes @ 1p	21 Food Boxes pick up at Whitstran School, 2-4p
22 10a Worship (Facebook too) 12p Paul's Study	23 10 & 11:15 Wellness Class	24 9a Bonnie's Prayer Group Zoom	25	26 GIVE thanks	27	28
29 10a Worship (Facebook too) 12p Paul's Study	30 10 & 11:15 Wellness Class					