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New Classes Begin

Monday, 6-8 pm

January 10—March 10

beginnings is a small-group spiritual journey for seekers, new believers, and longtime Christians who want to explore the basics of Christianity in a relaxed, nurturing atmosphere.



Weekly gatherings begin with a soup supper

All sessions meet in the Fireside Room

Participants can bring their questions, gain knowledge, and form or deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ.

EXPLORE SOME OF LIFE'S DEEPEST

QUESTIONS:

So Is This All There Is?

Who Is Jesus and Why Should I Care?

Why Am I Not Where I Want to Be?

What Happens When I Die?

Can I Trust God?

How Does God Speak to Me?

If I Don't Feel Lost, Why Do I Need to Be Found?

Can I Start Again?

How Do I Speak to God?

How Can I Make a Life and Not Just a Living?

Why Should I Join Any Group That Will Have Me as a Member?

Love Feast!

Childcare is provided. The program is free to participants.

We'd love to know if you are coming, but feel free to drop in on our first session, Monday, January 10th. We'll have some soup for you along with a warm welcome.

...for adults at any point on their spiritual journey

Monday, 9:00 am, February 7

The Gift of Years

See page 8 for full details

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PLENTY OF WORK FOR LOVE TO DO

As I think about plans for this new year and living them out faithfully, a quote from the book I've been reading ("Tea Time for the Traditionally Built," by Alexander McCall Smith) comes to mind: "There is plenty of work for love to do."

I like the simplicity of this statement. Sometimes religion/spirituality/church and their understanding and application all seem way too complicated. Sometimes the struggles of life seem too overwhelming and confusing. And yet, it isn't just for the clever or well educated, or super-experienced to understand. It isn't just for those who have a lot of one thing or another, or are super-talented in this area or that to participate in. Living out our faith has a way of being translated into each of our own languages—using our skills and resources (as meager as they may seem), and yes!, demanding a bit of our hearts along with it.

It is exciting for me to imagine how many ways "love's work" will be accomplished in 2011 through the people (who love God so much) of this congregation... Don't spend too much time in worry, don't drown in self-doubt, don't fret because so much cannot be accomplished, or linger too long over struggles, or sorrow over lack of resources. Remember even so, despite it all, "There is still plenty of work for love to do!"**

Blessings and much Hope, dear Friends,
Pastor Ann

**And I suspect as we work with love, we will discover more deeply, within our own lives, the One whose very name is Love.

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MANY THANKS!

I have had many blessings from my church in the year of 2010. I would like to thank each of you. Some were rides, grocery shopping and taking care of business.

Blessings,
Janet Smith

YOUR GIVING TREE GIFTS

143 individuals, both children and senior adults, were blessed by your generosity as you shared your bounty. Most of the children are enrolled in local ECEAP Centers (Early Childhood Educational and Assistance Program) including one Center serving Hispanic children. Siblings of the enrolled children are also included. All families enrolled in ECEAP are at or below the federally established poverty level. ECEAP not only provides preschool opportunity but also parent training and assistance in accessing medical and dental resources and job training. The adults receiving gifts are residents of local care facilities.

One of our church members was present when a mother received her bag of gifts and observed her expression of awe and pleasure. Since our giving is anonymous, that chance to view the joy our gifts bring is denied but the gifts do mean so much to each of these families and seniors. We wish that all of you could see the total collection of gifts. It is awesome! Thank you so much for your giving hearts.

Outreach Ministries



YOU'RE AWESOME

What an awesome loving Church Family we have. You touched our hearts with your cards, calls, and expressions of sympathy in the loss of my brother, Bob. Our whole family appreciates your thoughtfulness. Thank you.

With trust in God's Promise,
We are Marilyn & Don Fankhauser

Lectionary
January 9
Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17
January 16
Isaiah 49:107
Psalm 40:1-11
1 Corinthians 1:1-9
John 1:29-42

Say a prayer for...

- Marge Collins (Sandy Kaughn's mother) fractured a hip
- Cindy Roggow recovering from shoulder surgery
- Kay Smyth, fighting Leukemia
- Deb Reinke recovering from surgery
- Misty M. recovering
- Dorothy Michaelis at home
- Ed Lee on Hospice Care
- Sharon Alexander on Hospice
- Allie Johnson resting at home

CHURCH REGISTRY
WEDDING
Mr. & Mrs. Rob & Janet (Evans) Rehwinkel
BAPTISMS
Lauren Keltgen
Madison Rose Pepper

PUT IN PERSPECTIVE

You will enjoy Jane Harvey Circle's February 2 meeting at 7 pm in the Fireside Room. Featured will be Stacy Nakrasora, a Russian Exchange student staying with the Lowe family. Stacy will speak about her experiences living in the United States and St. Petersburg, Russia.



JOIN OUR CHOIR

The Faith Singers welcomes any new singers. Join in at practice on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm in the church and help fill the Sanctuary with music on Sunday mornings.

RUMMAGE AHEAD

Looking forward to the March 12 Rummage Sale put on by the Youth? You can get extra items out of your house and into storage for the sale by calling Martha McCormick at 253-4140-4604. She will arrange for a pickup or for you to meet someone at the storage unit to drop your items off.

SHARING IN THE NURSERY

What a great way to share God's love: be a Volunteer Nursery Assistant.

Schedules are arranged with Shannon Matthiesen, our Nursery Attendant, and usually require only one time of serving a month. Times of serving may be Sundays 8:45-10:15, or Sundays 10:15-11:45, or any afternoon or evening when other classes, meetings, rehearsals, or special events create opportunities for parents of children ages infant - four years to participate. Thank you for serving.

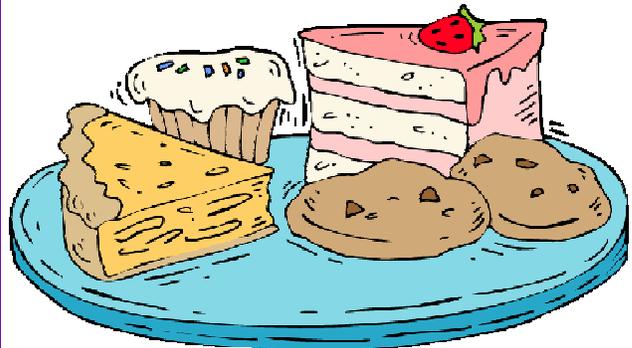
DRAMA TRY-OUTS

The 2011 play for our Dinner Theater on April 9th will be called "I Wed Three Wives". Try-outs will be held Thursday January 6th and possibly Friday at 7 pm. We will need 12 cast members: 5 men and 7 women or 4 men and 8 women...one role is interchangeable. (And this does not include the inspectors.)



TAKE-HOME-A-MEAL & BAKE SALE

The JHC will sponsor an ALL CHURCH SALE on JANUARY 9, 2011. Please bring your bake goods to Wesley hall before service on January 9th. ALSO Please have them priced and ready to travel.



WOMEN'S ESCAPE

Women's Weekend Away at Camp Indianola February 4-6. Get away for relaxing, kayaking, walking the beach and trails. Take time for connecting with friends, singing, laughter, eating delicious food and just getting away from it all. To register, call 360-297-2223 or send an email to office@campindianola.org.

January 9 Sunday	January 10 Monday	January 11 Tuesday	January 12 Wednesday	January 13 Thursday	January 14 Friday	January 15 Saturday
<p>8:00 am Disciple III Conference Rm</p> <p>8:55 am Adult Discus. Room 4</p> <p>8:55 & 10:35 am Worship Services</p> <p>Take Home a Meal & Bake Sale</p> <p>10:35 am Living the ?s Room 4</p> <p>Adult Bible Conference Rm</p> <p>12:00 pm Whitney Ad. Council Cottage</p> <p>4:00 pm Quarterly Parent Meeting Wesley Hall</p> <p>6:00 pm Youth Group</p>	<p>9:00 am Connection Ministry Ann's Office</p> <p>12:30 pm Library Committee Conference Rm</p> <p>6:00 pm Beginnings Soup Supper Fireside Room</p> <p>6:15 pm Disciple I Room 7</p> <p>6:30 pm Children's Council Room 10</p> <p>6:45 pm Communion Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 pm Disciple III Cottage</p> <p>Men's Bible Study Room 3</p>	<p>9:30 am Staff Meeting Ann's Office</p> <p>11:00 am Yoga Fireside Room</p> <p>7:00 pm Finance Committee Cottage</p>	<p>11:00 am Clergy Study Conference Rm</p> <p>6:00 pm Connections Sanctuary</p> <p>7:00 pm SPR Conference Rm</p>	<p>11:00 am Yoga Fireside Room</p> <p>6:00 pm Rejoice! Ringers Room 5</p> <p>7:30 pm Faith Singers Sanctuary</p>		<p>9:00 am Young Adults @ Central Perk</p> <p>10:30 am Tweeners Going to Paradise</p> <p>11:30 am PHA Fireside Room</p>
January 16 Sunday	January 17 Monday	January 18 Tuesday	January 19 Wednesday	January 20 Thursday		January 21 Friday
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Youth News

DV8 (7-8 grades) Se Luz (9-12 grades) Youth Groups

6-9th grade Indianola Retreat Applications are now available. **Be the Hero in You.** This retreat fills up quickly so register early. Earlybird pricing ends January 31. Camperships/scholarships are available. Applications are in the box on the Youth Booth—see “Mid-High Retreat” folder. Bring apps to Pastor Shirley.

NEW: Youth Handbell Choir. Ring, plunk, and chime some fun! **Sunday rehearsals, 10:45-11:30am, Rm 5.**

Preparing to play once a month at 10:35 worship.

- Fri-Sat. Jan. 7-8 Family Movie Night and DV8 Overnight @ Church—7pm Friday—8am Saturday
- Sun. Jan. 9 Parent/Youth Potluck Dinner & Meeting of special interest to Se Luz Youth!
- Sun. Jan. 16 6-8pm: Why Jesus? The *Only* Way to Heaven?
- Sat. Jan. 22 10:30am-4pm Sledding at Paradise. Pack a sack lunch & drink, bring \$\$ for hot cocoa & snack after playing hard. Bring sleds & helmets, & dress for the cold. See Tweeners article, but different date.
- Sun. Jan. 23 6-8pm Youth Groups: *What Would You Do?*
- Jan. 28-29 Se Luz Overnight @ Church—7pm Friday – 8am Saturday
- Feb. 6 Souper Bowl of Caring in the morning
NO YOUTH GROUP.

Friends always welcome. Be sure they are prepared.

Looking Ahead

- Feb. 12-13 Mid. High (6-9) Retreat at @ Indianola Applications @ Youth Booth
- March 6-11 Rummage Sale setup Sun. 12-3, Mon-Thu 9am-8pm, Fri 9-4
- Mar. 12 Rummage Sale 8am-5pm
- Apr. 29-30 Media Fast, 7pm Friday-10am Saturday
- May 15 Confirmation Class information meeting for parents & students; classes begin September 17.
- Fri-Sun May 28-30 CONVO
- July 30-August 6 Mission Trip for those completing 9-12 grades. Dates Tentative. Details TBA at Parent/Youth Meeting.

YOUNG ADULTS

(ages 18-33 ish)

Theology @ the Pub
Thursday, January 6, 6:30pm
Milton Tavern, Hwy 99, Milton

Café Bible Study
Saturday, Jan. 15 & 29 @ 9-10am
Central Perk, Pioneer Ave., downtown Puyallup

Something to Chew On
Thursday, January 20 @ 8:00pm
The Cottage by the Church

Looking Ahead
YAR—Young Adult Retreat
April 8-10, 2011
PNW Conference-sponsored

For evolving calendar and updates through facebook (PUMC Young Adults), become a friend of Monte Windsor: monte@montewindsor.com

Tweeners Time

5th & 6th Grade fellowship

Third Saturday every month

◀Serve God ▶Serve others ▶Fun with friends ▶Pray with us ▶Play games



**Up the Mountain to see the Lord
and the snow.
January 15**

Going to Paradise on Mt. Rainier.
Meet 10:30am at church.
Back no later than 4pm.

Pack a sack lunch & drink. Bring \$\$ for hot cocoa & snack after playing hard. Bring a sled and helmet (bicycle helmet works), and dress for cold and snow. Bring a friend—they must be prepared like you. Paper work must be on file.

Want to come as a family? Great! We may need you to bring your car & provide your own Mt. Rainier Park Pass, depending on numbers or people and available seatbelts.

MORE ON OUR GUESTS' EXPECTATIONS

Last month we looked at our guests' expectations, impressions, and reactions to coming to our church. We continue with the conclusion of Rev Fiorella's article on first impressions.

Part 2. Competition for experiences that affirm the customer's value is so intense in today's culture that consumers often base their impression of any business—**or church**—on the first few seconds of their experience. We, the congregation, need to be able to communicate to guests why they should be at our church Sunday morning.

Our competition is not other churches—they are part of our team. It is the business world where we are in constant contact with receiving service, and judging that service as to whether we will return.

Organizations that understand the lasting nature of first impressions understand people matter. When people matter, guests are "wowed." And when guests are wowed, they know they matter. So we need to make sure we see guests as people who matter to God. We at Puyallup United Methodist Church need to see our mission as providing *excellent examples* of love, compassion and caring.

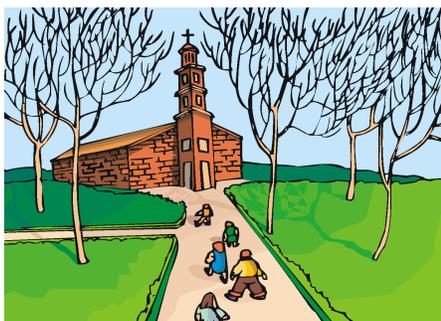
So every Sunday let's make sure those unfamiliar faces see our gifts of grace as we stretch out our hands in Christ's love.

The EDGE Ministry, as our welcoming ministry, is doing this every Sunday morning. When you join us by reaching out to our guests, you help us truly carry out our mission.

When we succeed, it is a win/win event for our guests and for our congregation as those guests join us in our seeking the ways of Jesus Christ.

Want more information on the EDGE Ministry? Check with Bill Rhodes, our coordinator: 845-5125.

And if you get an invitation to join the EDGE Ministry team, give prayerful thought to saying, "Yes!"



THANK YOU HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS

Beginning last fall, we started a new Fellowship Hospitality Volunteer Program designed to allow all of us to share in offering the gift of hospitality. We asked that you sign up to help, AND you did! What a wonderful response we have had from those attending both services. Hopefully, we can reach the point where we only have to pass the clipboard to sign up once for each upcoming month. And, remember to print your name and e-mail each time you sign up. Yes, that is repetitive, but otherwise we have to look up each address that we don't recognize in preparing reminders.

As with any new plan, there is always the opportunity to tweak our process. As an example, when we listed responsibilities for our volunteers, we ASSUMED that everyone simply knows where things belong in the kitchen. We found that not to be the case; so, this is one of those assumptions we need to tweak. If you don't know where things belong in the kitchen or have any other questions, please see one of the Ministry Area members assigned that Sunday, or find someone else from the congregation to ask.

As a volunteer, how has the process worked for you? Please give any feedback to any Council member—names and photos are located on the bulletin board outside Pastor Ann's office, or write a note and leave in the office.

Just a few responsibility reminders:

- **MINISTRY AREAS** are responsible for setting up the table and preparing beverages and then replenishing them for second service.
- **FIRST SERVICE HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS** are responsible for bringing in something to share and then straightening up and making certain the table is ready for second service.
- **SECOND SERVICE HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS** are responsible for bringing in goodies to share and then clean up after. Beverage pots are rinsed, platters washed and sugar/creamer, etc. are put away.

What God-given gifts and strengths have helped me get this far in life?

How can I build upon these strengths as I continue my life journey?

The Gift of Years

...Continued

February 7

thru February 28, 2011
Mondays, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Fireside Room

By popular request, this is a continuation of our workshop and discussion of Joan Chittister's book, *The Gift of Years*. Each week, we will explore various topics listed in the book. The first two sessions will be based upon previous indications of interest. The group will determine subjects for the last two sessions.

February 7: **Dreams, Memories and Legacy**

Readings: Dreams, p. 133,
Mystery, p. 73, Legacy, p. 215, Memories, p. 153

February 21: To be determined by the group

February 14: **The Process of Forgiveness**

Readings: Forgiveness, p. 189,
Regret, p. 1, Letting Go, p. 80

February 28: To be determined by the group

All people are welcome to participate regardless of whether you attended the previous workshop series in October-November. The book may be purchased online or at any major bookstore.

Facilitated by Jim Henry, MDiv, national workshop leader and co-author of four books on holistic healthcare including *Transformational Eldercare from the Inside Out*.

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