

First Presbyterian Church

JANUARY MESSENGER

FROM THE PASTOR

[Pat Paasch has been gathering news from the FPC family to include in the Messenger to keep us updated on one another, to provide encouragement, and to inform our prayers. This month we feature the pastor's family, which you will find below.]

Dear FPC Family,

Happy New Year! Rare have we ever looked more forward to flipping the calendar to a New Year. One of the hardest aspects of the year has been the restrictions on worship and general life together as a congregation. We miss many of you and continue to hold you in prayer.

For our family, 2020 was filled with emotion: happy, sad, frustrated, joyful, angry, thankful, crazy, content, silly, but most of all HOPEFUL. Like many, our lives changed on Friday, March 13th. We had to make quick adjustments to homeschooling and “adjusted” social lives. With three kids at three different levels of learning, and all needing help at the same time, it was not an easy beginning. Thankfully, we found a rhythm that gave us consistency and peace. On Monday the kids and I would bike to coffee; on Tuesday the “boys” and the “girls” did separate movie nights; Thursday “mom's night of peace”; Friday the kids and I biked to ice cream, followed by homemade pizza and a family movie night; and on Sunday we did “home worship” with singing in the living room and Ms. Jennifer leading “facebook” Sunday School.

Our family's favorite tradition that we rekindled during this time was the evening family walk. Dave and I began our marriage going on regular walks, but these began to dwindle the more kids we had. In March, we'd leave the house every night and walk 2 miles around our neighborhood. We were able to connect, talk and sometimes just walk in silence hand in hand and trust in our Faithful God.

Our kids are happy, healthy, and ever adapting to this new way of living. They currently (as of December) attend school five days a week. They meet in person with face masks and social distancing. The boys have turned our downstairs into legoland. Mary and I enjoy simple tea parties and coloring. Dave has continued to maintain his running, reading, and chasing around the kids. We have also all enjoyed the addition of Henry -- our “COVID dog” -- who provides endless entertainment.

This year was unexpected, but that's the nature of life. Life is always changing, but there is one constant -- one gift that can never be taken -- Our Lord God and His faithfulness. So we stand on that rock as we see the joy in each day. Most of all, we are grateful we can travel this journey with you. The Apostle Paul expressed well our own feeling toward you: “I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.” Blessings to you and your family for this new year.

Grace and Peace,
The Webster Family

Church Family & Friends News

JOY IN THE MOURNING by Pat Paasch

So many of our church family have lost spouses, children, parents, and other family in the last year or so. The holidays are always hard, especially the first one or two. I have spoken to all of those folks in the last two to three weeks and the consistent message from all of them is the strength, comfort, and peace they have found in knowing they are loved and cared for by their God and how the prayers, calls, cards, and support of this church family helped them move forward. As we move into a new year, please continue to keep supporting those folks through your prayers, calls, cards, and share in the thoughts of sweet memories.

****Bill Mannschreck**—continues to express his gratitude for the support of his church through all the calls and visits he has received, especially from the Grumpy Old Men group and their wives.

****Sam Claassen**—“Pierce and I had a new home built and moved in December 12. This is something Keith and I had planned to do over a year ago. We are only a few miles from our old home. Our house is on five acres with a beautiful view of the valley and parts of our farm. Pierce completed his first quarter of medical school at the Washington State University Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine in Spokane.”

****Luella Shulze**—has found a place in the Clarkston Heights that she hopes will become her new home in February so that she can get back to the valley.

JUST A LITTLE *Reminder*

The Clovis family has created a memory book and invites each of you to come in to fill it with all the different memories that you have of Steve Clovis. The book can be found in the receptionist's office at First Presbyterian Church. If you have any questions about the memory book, please contact our administrative assistant, Bree Miles, at the church office number.

Now Hiring

We are in need of a new janitor! This is a 15-20/week position that includes cleaning the church facilities, event set-up/take-down, and light maintenance. If you are or someone you know is interested, please contact the church office for a job description and more information. (In the meantime, we would love your help in keeping our facilities clean. If you are willing to help clean, contact Bree Miles in the office or Jim Babino.)

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Summary of Session Meeting

- Session approved the budget for 2021 with amendments.
- Session approved mission financial support for the following LC Valley ministries: Asotin County Food Bank, Family Promise, Homes of Hope, Interlink, Snake River Clinic, Valley Meals on Wheels, Young Life and YWCA. Also included are the Clarkston School District alternative high school (EOC) and our own Michael McPeak's ministry of Chi Alpha at Idaho State University.



Preaching Notes

January 3	Romans 8 [Online only]
January 10	Mark 1:4-11
January 17	John 1:43-51
January 24	Mark 1:14-20 [Annual Meeting]
January 31	Mark 1:21-28



***Every Thursday at 10 a.m.
in the Narthex***

~New Catechumenate Study~

Financials

Finances as of November 2020

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 370,183.42	\$ 366,894.02
Expense	<u>\$ 390,631.62</u>	<u>\$ 366,894.24</u>
Inc./Exp.	\$ (20,448.20)	\$ (0.22)

JANUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ABS - Adult Bible Study CASA - Social Services Training Program NCS - New Catechumenate Study MOPS - Mothers of Preschoolers SS - Sunday Service					1 7 p.m. Al Anon	2
3 10 a.m. Online Service Only	4	5	6 4 p.m. Prayer Service	7 10 a.m. ABS 7 p.m. NCS - 2nd Year	8 7 p.m. Al Anon	9
10 10 a.m. Worship & SS	11	12	13 4 p.m. Prayer Service	14 10 a.m. ABS 7 p.m. NCS - 2nd Year	15 7 p.m. Al Anon	16
17 10 a.m. Worship & SS	18 OFFICE CLOSED MLK DAY 6:30 p.m. Session Meeting 2:30 p.m. CASA	19	20 4 p.m. Prayer Service	21 10 a.m. ABS 7 p.m. NCS - 2nd Year	22 7 p.m. Al Anon	23
24 10 a.m. Worship & SS Congregation Meeting after Service	25 6 p.m. Deacons Meeting	26 1:30 p.m. Kairos Meeting	27 4 p.m. Prayer Service	28 10 a.m. ABS 7 p.m. NCS - 2nd Year	29 7 p.m. Al Anon	30
26 10 a.m. Worship & SS 5th Sunday - Loose to Deacons	Janet Auer 01 Marilyn Haflberg 01 Nancy Anderson 08 Christi Severance 08 Chris Loseth 09 Leo Snider 12	Jillian Knutson 13 Jeanne Keatts 17 Marcella Kroksa 18 Glenna Coombs 20	HAPPY BIRTHDAY			