

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

CLARKSTON, WA

*Seeking Christ
Serving Others
Together*

MAY MESSENGER 2021

From Pastor Dave

This past month has been a joy. With the arrival of spring and the celebration of Easter, life at First Presbyterian Church has had, well, more life! Beginning Easter morning we returned to our regular worship order and we have returned to Fellowship Hour (socially distanced, of course). Groups, including the Thursday social hour, have begun meeting again. We have returned to our regular Sunday morning crowd and the YouTube sermons have a one viewer average per Sunday during the month of April. All this contributes to rising spirits.

At the same time, many in our community, including some of you, continue to experience challenges and trials. After a year of limited human contact, the return to social life can produce a kind of social claustrophobia. The return to a busier schedule can produce increased anxiety, even when it's activities we love. Certainly, with the lack of human contact, many continue to suffer from the effects of loneliness and worry. This presents an incredible opportunity for the church, and the Holy Spirit has equipped First Pres. for this task. The early church made a great impact on their world by devoting themselves to Jesus Christ in their study of Scripture, their fellowship and hospitality, and their prayers. These are the same practices we hold at the heart of who we are today.

As we move into the new season of this pandemic, let us continue to devote ourselves to these same tasks. Let us hold in prayer and reach out to those in our circle struggling to make sense of their world. Let us also pray for one another, and especially for our leaders, as we *seek Christ, serve others -- together. Grace and Peace*

Preaching Notes

The Resurrection of Jesus was not a happy ending, but only the beginning -- the beginning of our Resurrected life in Christ. We have been exploring the beginning of our resurrected life through the Book of Acts, which shows what happens when the Lord Jesus goes on the move through the power of the Holy Spirit. This month we learn about the first unexpected stranger who enters the church, the first time Jesus-followers are called Christians, the first time disciples must choose leaders, and the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit. That's a lot of firsts! It's all done to lay the foundation for the community of the Risen Lord Jesus.

May 2 Acts 8:26-40

May 9 Acts 11:19-30

May 16 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

May 23 Acts 2:1-21

May 30 John 3:1-17

Session Notes

April 19, 2021

• Session called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, May 16, after worship. This meeting is for the purpose of electing church officers for the new term.

•Session approved the purchase of a new computer and digital sound board. This is for the purpose of using technology during worship to include order of worship, songs, news of the church and other information on the television monitors.

•New signage will be installed at main church/ sanctuary entrances. This is for the purpose of our church being more user friendly, especially for visitors, about finding their way around the church.

News of the Church

****NOTE NEW EMAIL ADDRESS FOR CHURCH****

firstpreschurch1122@gmail.com

Coffee Hour - Please join us for coffee following worship! Bring your own mug if that will help you feel more comfortable.

Let's get reacquainted and encourage one another in Christ.

Thursday Social Hour - Please join the ladies at 10 am every Thursday for a time of conversation and connecting.

We are still in need of a new Administrative Assistant. Please keep this important position on the top of your prayer list.

LOST and FOUND items are on the pew in the Narthex. Please check and take home anything that is yours. Remaining items will be donated.

Adam Waller, our custodian, reminds you to fill out a request form for setting up chairs/tables for meetings. Forms are in the administration office. Hours: Mon—Thurs 9 to 1

1st quarter 2021 giving reports are in the file folder on the table next to the sound board.

Elizabeth Greggain is looking for a person (persons)to take on the task of sorting and cataloguing our church history. Call the office if interested. We have 124 years of accumulated documentation

FINANCIALS		
Finances as of April 28,2021		
	YTD Actual	YTD Budget
Income	\$ 126,153.61	\$ 108,043.06
Expense	\$ 126,153.74	\$108,692.54
Inc/Exp	\$ (0.13)	\$ (649.48)

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May Calendar 2021

Birthdays this month:

Emma Haas 02

Al Evans 05

Elena Price Mars 09

Charles Truska 11

Madison Hurlburt 21

Violeta Cline 23

Cheri Guillotte 25

2	10am Worship 10am Comm 11am Youth	3	9:30am PEO meeting	4	5	6	7	8	SAT May 1	
9	Mother's Day 10am Worship 11am Youth	10	11	12	13	14	15	16		
16	10am Worship 11am Youth	17	Tax Day 2:30pm CASA 6:30pm Session	18	19	20	21	22		
23	10am Worship 11am Youth	24	6pm Deacons	25	26	27	28	29		
30	10am Worship 11am Youth	31	Memorial Day	Jun 1	2	3	4	5		