

First Presbyterian Church

2021 SUMMMER MESSENGER

FROM THE PASTOR

This summer finds people all over the map -- literally and figuratively. Tired of pandemic life, many have filled their summer with everything they could not do last summer, and more. They are making up for lost time and traveling all over the map. Others live with fear -- perhaps of the pandemic, perhaps not. Of course, such a list could continue on for several paragraphs. We are all over the map. But many people, including many of us, live with discouragement. The reasons are many, but the pandemic has played a big role. The question is, from where will you find *encouragement*?

There are many places you could turn, but only the Word of God will provide us with the encouragement we most deeply need. Read God's Word to see Jesus (John 5:39). God gave us the Bible so that through it he would encounter us. When God encounters us, God encourages us. Read the Bible, in other words, for *courage. Ask the Lord to encourage you. And don't stop wrestling with his Word until he blesses you with the courage you seek.*

This will then increase your courage wherever you are on the map -- whether the dark valley or the mountain top. Not only that, as the Holy Spirit transforms you through the Word and your encounter with Christ, you will become one who encourages others by pointing them to the Savior. This is what it means to "Seek Christ, Serve Others -- together."

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Dave



Summer Sermon Notes

The Bible is filled with stories -- stories about ordinary men and women caught up in a sacred drama with God. Nowhere is this more clear than in the story of David. There is no one in the Bible we know more about than this forgotten-son-shepherd-become-king. Sometimes we hold him up as a model to follow, but he was a real person. He may have a “man after God’s own heart,” but more often than not he followed his own heart. What makes David interesting is not his unlikely anointing as King, or even his defeat of a giant, but his messy life. The story of David is important not so much because of the way he models a godly life, but because he shows what it means to be truly human. What does it mean to be truly human? It means to deal with God in all the messy, earthly, details of what we call life. And one day, God himself would take on this mess earthly, flesh in the Word-made-flesh, Jesus Christ.

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Summary of Session Meeting of June 21, 2021

1. Session spent time and prayer in study of God's word, today with Psalm 26. Verses 3 states, "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." How does this pertain to the our church right now and for the coming months?

2. Session revised the COVID policies for worship and other events in the church building as follows:

a. Encourage the unvaccinated to wear facemasks;

b. Mask wearing optional for vaccinated individuals; and

c. Be courteous to others who are wearing a mask keeping social distance and your own mask wearing as needed in these interactions.

3. The church continues to be in negotiations with Catholic Charities of Spokane about purchase of the old youth/preschool building. Should there be a recommendation to sell this church property, the congregation would be asked to vote on the recommendation.

4. LeAnn Urban has resigned as child care coordinator (nursery) after many years of dedicated service. Also LE Swanson who worked in the nursery for the last couple of years as resigned as she enlisted in the US Navy after high school graduation. Many thanks to these two and others who are dedicated to God's service to young children and their families.

5. As events in the church are on the increase post pandemic, the Session will be communicating more often and in more detail to the church about decisions of Session for the church and about the programs and events happening in the life of the church.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CLARKSTON

Simply Loved

Sunday School is simple!! Love God and love kids, and with our Simply Loved Sunday School curriculum we are doing just that as we share God's word and help kids love God and others.

Summer Schedule

Unit 1: In the Beginning
 Lesson 1: God Creates the World
 Lesson 2: God Creates People
 Lesson 3: Sin Enters God's World
 Lesson 4: A Flood Covers the Earth
 Unit 2: God Has a Plan
 Lesson 5: God Calls Abram
 Lesson 6: Isaac is Born
 Lesson 7: Jacob Steals Esau's Blessing
 Lesson 8: Jacob and Esau Make Peace

Unit 1 Bible Verse

"And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is." (Ephesians 3:18)



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

You are invited to join us July 12-16, 2021 as we climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. This year pre-registration is required and space is limited to 75 children. The event is FREE and you may register on the church website www.firstpresclarkston.org/vbs VBS is for children age 5 through entering 5th grade.

KINGDOM KIDS PLAYSCHOOL & PRESCHOOL

Registration for Preschool for the 2021-2022 school year is open. We have designed a "safe opening" policy to provide your child a safe and healthy environment for learning. Our Family Handbook, School Calendar and Registration information are all available on our church website at

www.firstpresclarkston.org/kingdom-kids-preschool



For more information regarding Children's Ministry at First Presbyterian Church or Kingdom Kids Preschool you may contact Jennifer Babino at kingdomkidsfpc@gmail.com

FIRST PRES YOUTH NEWS



Summer BBQ's

We are gathering together again! This summer all students in High School or entering High School this Fall are invited to join us for Summer BBQ's at the Babino's House in the Clarkston Heights. Come join Noah & Megan for an evening of great food, fellowship and yard games as we gather together and share God's love with others. We will be meeting every other week through the summer, contact Noah or Megan by text or follow the group FaceBook for details. We hope to see you there!! and don't forget to BRING A FRIEND!!



Registration for Camp Spalding has begun, so do not delay, get registered!! First Pres Clarkston offers \$100 camp voucher credits to all students who attend our Youth Programs, contact Noah or Megan before you register for your voucher code. Additional financial assistance is available through the church, please contact Jennifer Babino for info.

Camp Spalding Core Values...

Foundational Values - Who we desire to be
Christ-Centered

Biblical

Visionary

Encouraging / nurturing

Joyful

Transformational

Ministry Values - How we desire to minister

Committed to Excellence

Engaging the Culture

Building Strong Leaders

Nurturing Community

Proclaiming the Gospel

Equipping Disciples

6 Reasons to go to camp

1. **Guaranteed Fun**
2. **Exceptional Summer Staff & Counselors**
3. **Value**
4. **Jesus**
5. **A Safe Camp**
6. **Excellence**



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join our FaceBook Group

First Pres Clarkston Youth Group

to follow our events and activities



JULY 11 - AUGUST 1

SPONSOR | DONATE | VOLUNTEER | PRAY

Sponsor or Donate

\$175 gift sponsors 1 foster child. The child will receive a **1st Day Outfit** (jeans, shirt, shoes, package of underwear & package of socks) and **Durable Backpack with Supplies**.

\$125 gift provides 1 foster child with their **1st Day Outfit** (jeans, shirt, shoes, package of underwear & package of socks).

\$50 gift provides 1 foster child with a **Durable Backpack with School Supplies**. **\$30** gift provides 1 foster child with a **Durable Backpack**.

\$20 gift provides 1 foster child with **School Supplies** for one backpack (minus the backpack).

How to donate:

1. You can donate online at www.homesofhopeidwa.org or

2. Send a check to PO Box 464, Clarkston, WA 99403

If you would like to be on the Back 2 shopping team,

Contact angie at 208-413-6770 Ext 1001 or

At angie@homesofhopeproject.org

Homes of Hope works alongside foster care state agencies in Washington and Idaho to help fill in the gaps. We provide: one-an-one coaching, training by certified practitioners & trainers, scholarships, respite stipend, and events that celebrate the life and worthiness of each child and family.

Visit WWW.HOMESOFHOPEIDWA.ORG to sign up



Create Hope One Child At A Time.



MIDWEEK
BIBLE STUDY

Every Thursday at 10 a.m
In Hendrick Hall

Session Elders

For 2021-2022 the session will focus on Family and Fellowship Ministry as we re-connect after the pandemic. Every elder has committed to being responsible for this ministry

- Doug Anderson (Discipleship Ministry-Children/Youth/Adult)
- Jim Babino (Building & Grounds Ministry)
- Don Greggain (Worship Ministry)
- Andy Johnson (Mission Ministry)
- Margo McCroskey (Administration Ministry - Personnel/Finance/Policy)
- Christi Vallandigham (Nominating Committee; Family & Fellowship Ministry)
- Clerk of Session: Lloyd Wallis
- Moderator: David Webster

JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 10 AM SOCIAL HOUR	2 7 P.M. AL ANON	3
4 10 AM WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 11 AM YOUTH GROUP	5	6	7	8 10 AM SOCIAL HOUR	9 7 P.M. AL ANON	10 SECOND SATURDAY 7 A.M.
11 10 AM WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 11 AM YOUTH GROUP	12	13	14	15	16	17
VBS ROCKY RAILWAYS MON-FRI 9 A.M.—11:30 A.M.						
			HIGHSCHOOL YOUTH BBQ-5 PM	10 AM SOCIAL HOUR	7 P.M. AL ANON	
18 10 AM WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 11 AM YOUTH GROUP	19	20	21	22 10 AM SOCIAL HOUR	23 7 P.M. AL ANON	24
25 10 AM WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 11 AM YOUTH GROUP	26 6pm-Deacons Meeting 6:30pm-SESSION MEETING	27	28 HIGHSCHOOL YOUTH BBQ-5 PM	29 10 AM SOCIAL HOUR	30 7 P.M. AL ANON	31

AUGUST 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10 AM WORSHIP & SUNDAY SCHOOL 11 AM YOUTH GROUP	2	3	4	5 10 AM SOCIAL HOUR	6 7 P.M. AL ANON	7
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News & Updates Summer 2021

Karen Petersen Finch who led our Catholic Presbyterian Dialogues is on her way to her new job in Montreal.

If you would like to send her a card or email, here is the info:

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Montreal QC, H2T 2W2 Canada

Or

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FINANCES	AS OF	JUNE 2021
	YTD ACTUAL	YTD BUDGET
INCOME	\$158,582.13	\$192,437.71
EXPENSES	\$171,176.50	\$192,437.83
INC/EXP	(\$12,594.37)	(\$0.12)

2021 VBS SUCCESS

Thank You Again to Everyone!

