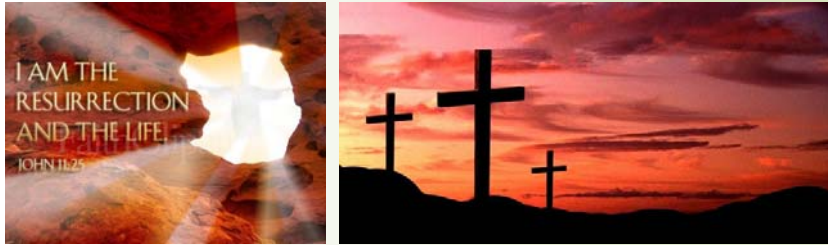


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*Our Mission:
We exist to
worship God
and to form one
another into
loving servants
of Christ and
the World*

Pastor's Column: Inviting & Bringing Your Friends to Worship: A Rapid-Fire Article on Why and How You (yes you) Should invite and bring a friend to worship some time soon.

Why should I? People who are not yet following Jesus Christ with their life, deserve an invitation to experience hearing the message of Christ. They need God. They need to hear they need God. And if you count yourself a follower of Jesus Christ- this is a simple act of service you can do to honor God, and it is an act of service to the person you invite- because you are showing your care for them.

Where else will they hear the message of Christ and their need for God?

You should know that most not-yet-Christians want to see how faith works. They want to examine it for themselves. They most likely have questions about God, eternity, relationships, money and other important questions. But they may not feel brave enough or welcome enough to come on their own.

Why not? Far and away the most likely reason a person will come to worship is that they had a friend invite them. You have nothing really to lose by inviting a not-yet-Christian person to worship.

Why do many Christians not invite people? Some use the excuse of: "I don't know any not-yet-Christians"- Well then, meet some new people. Some are simply afraid or embarrassed. Don't worry about being embarrassed, or denied...after all "nothing ventured, nothing gained. Some say- "I don't know how to invite someone to worship." For that "issue" please read below.

How do I invite someone to worship? *Two things- It's easier than you think, and keep it personal.* It's easier than you think- don't make it a big production. Just identify a friend, neighbor or family member that you would like to have the opportunity to come to worship with you. Say a brief prayer for guidance. Call or visit them personally and ask them to come to worship with you. Tell them you believe that they would get something out of the experience, and tell them why you regularly worship God. If they say no, they say no. If they say yes, great! Then briefly set up a plan for the coming Sunday.

April obviously contains the big church Holy-day of Resurrection Sunday- what most people know as "Easter." This is an easy opportunity to invite people to worship. Many people who don't normally participate in a worship service at a church will be open to the idea and may be considering going to a worship service somewhere on Easter. Give it a shot- invite someone.

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In Christ,
~ Pastor Corev

Letters of Thanks ~

These Letters and Others can be found on the Church Bulletin Board

PFC Family,

1/9/11 will be a day that I will never forget. The fall that broke my hip, the 30 minute crawl on my back to get to a phone to call for help, and finally the surgery to repair the damage. As the healing got going, Gary & Angela Cochran were the first visitors to take time to come and see, the first of many, the cards started coming on the second and over the next 2 weeks were many more cards and visits. But I think what helped most were the prayers for my recovery. Many thanks to all members of PFC; for the cards, visits, prayers and words of encouragement.

~ Bud Bagott P.S. I am almost 100% healed

Dear Palouse Federated Church,

Thank you all for your prayers and concerns for me. I now am on my way to my home in heaven because cancer has really taken over my body. My faith keeps me strong and my family and friends keep me happy and entertained. I have no fear. Please pray now that my journey will be short. If I lived in Palouse, your church would be mine. With Love and God Bless You All,

Betty Perry

(the above letter was read at the end of the sermon on 3/27/11)

From Your Executive Board: Constitution Changes ???

Your executive board has reviewed PFC's constitution and would like to propose some changes. The proposals, along with the current constitution, are in a white notebook located on the main table in the fellowship hall. Please take time to review the proposed changes and talk to any of your board members if you have any questions. There will be a vote on the proposals at our Quarterly Meeting scheduled for July 17.

~ Board Chair, Butch Smith

New Flooring Coming to the Kitchen Soon...

With building usage donations the Executive Board has moved to pay for new linoleum type flooring in the upstairs kitchen. It will be installed on April 7-9th. The carpet in the kitchen had been getting increasingly stained, and the health dept. would prefer we not have carpet in our kitchen. We are also adding a strip of the new flooring on the main room side of the counter.

Wednesday Women's Bible Study Group Update!

Wednesday night ladies Bible study is mixing it up a bit in March and April! We'd like to invite you to join us for the Soup Suppers at church, Wednesdays at 6pm, followed by a short time of fellowship and prayer in the pastor's study. Around 7:15pm

April Birthdays

Ava Hemphill, April 3rd
Sue Elder, April 3rd
Loren Forbes, April 3rd
Jeff Bofenkamp, April 9th
Sherry Weatherly, April 12th
Harley Willmore, April 12th
Emily Bagott, April 12th
Elvis Gregg, April 17th
Shai Ann Collier, April 19th
Betty Sawyer, April 20th
Abbie (Broughton) Marsh, April 21st
Paula Parkins, April 23rd
Nancy Hill, April 25th
Terry Keller, April 26th
Casey Blood, April 29th
Robert Tuttle, April 29th
Hatley Sawyer, April 30th

April Anniversary's

Kari & Darin Watkins, April 20th



Romans 5: 1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,**2** through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.**3** Not only so, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; **4** perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Your 11am Worship Team: A Profile ~ By Pinky Glass

In Their Own Words

Kay Tronsen: How did the 11:00 worship team come about? That's not an easy, straightforward story! I think it was a combination of God preparing our hearts, and then putting Dale & I in the midst of conversation with Pastor Corey, out of which grew this conviction that this was what God was asking us to do. My own spiritual journey at the time involved God asking me to make commitments to which I could answer "yes" or "no." One such commitment was the call to pray. I remember God waiting to hear my answer. I submitted to that call with a definite "yes," no matter what form that call took, and this "yes" has led to so many other things! Originally, Dale & I met with Pastor Corey to discuss a decision I needed to make about staying involved in music or focusing on teaching in Sunday School. This was not an easy decision for me; I loved both, but felt I couldn't keep up the time commitment that both deserved. Pastor Corey asked me where my passion was and that led to a conversation about music, which led to further conversation about music in our church specifically, which led to the question, "Will you do it?" It was another of God's propositions given in His perfect timing: *Will you trust? Will you step out in faith?* So this was a super big "YES" for us! We grabbed Gary Brunner who played guitar and started practicing during the summer of 2009 – asking God to provide for us. AND HE HAS! He brought Nancy and Bill Dernell to us in a definite answer to prayer ---they are gifted and talented musicians that brought a new dimension to our team. He gave me a wonderful sister & brother-in-law who lead worship in their Yakima church who became a great support to us. We began leading out officially in the 11:00 service in October 2009. More recently, Ariel Hoffman has stepped up to play bass with a dedication and sweet spirit that are such a blessing to me. So how did the 11:00 worship team come about? Because we were willing to step out of our comfort zone and give God a resounding YES to His call to serve. We are still learning and growing as we go. BUT God is amazing and has provided energy, strength, and wisdom when we have needed it along the way. We are currently praying for a dedicated sound and video tech person (or two). Please join us in praying for this need. If you feel led and can learn, we can teach you!

Dale and Kay's Story!! I am Kay Tronsen. I was born in Little Rock, Ark., a long time ago. My dad was in the Air Force so we traveled a bit. My fondest memory was living on the island of Guam when I was in junior high! My dad was later stationed at Fairchild AFB and retired in Medical Lake, WA, where I graduated from high school and accepted Christ as a 9th grade student living in a non-Christian home. God reached down and drew me to Him in wonderful ways. Because of my experience, I can pray with great faith for the young people in our community – I know that God has unlimited ways to reach hearts and draw them to Christ. I met Dale in Sunday School when we were both still in high school. We got married on September 25, 1976 (so, yeah, we've been married like *forever!*). We have three children and one grandchild. Dale was born and raised in Spokane and doesn't remember a time when he did not go to church (very different from my experience!). He has been involved in music most of his life. He has been doing solos in church since he was ten years old. He writes, "I always loved hymns and one of my favorites is *Oh, How I Love Jesus*. One time the pastor asked from the pulpit, 'There is a name I love to hear. What is it?' He didn't quite get the answer he expected! I called out "131!" since I knew the page number and thought he was asking for information." I, on the other hand, didn't really get involved in church music until I was in high school following my salvation experience. I did play the clarinet in the high school band so I knew how to read music. The piano and singing experience came gradually as I grew older. Once Dale and I were married, we sang together a lot in choirs, plus I played for choir and played for Dale. I have played for church services, and for choirs, off and on during our marriage. Betty asked a great question: Why is music so important to worship? Dale says, "It prepares our hearts to hear the Word of God." AND I agree with that. I think it does more --- it opens our hearts to God Himself --- it is a spiritual act of worship that brings God joy. I think it softens our hearts to sing praise to God. I also think God speaks to us through our worship. I can't tell you the number of times I wake up with a song in my head that is like God's special message to me or the times I am praying and a song is suddenly there – perfect for what I am praying about. I think music is part of our spiritual language with God – He made us this way for a reason. AND we will be singing through all eternity. What a wonderful thought! A scripture to live by? Dale chose Gal. 2:20: "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Mine changes as I go along, depending on what God is teaching me. Right now it's 2 Peter 1:3: "His divine nature has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness." He has given us everything! Who knows what God has ahead for us. It is always an adventure!

Nancy Dernell: I was born and raised in the Denver, CO area. After high school, I attended Utah State University where I met Bill and received a BS in Secondary Education, teaching math, computer science and music. We were in Illinois for 4 years while Bill went to Vet School. Then we moved to Walsenburg Colorado for a couple of years, moved to Lafayette CO for 3 years - moved to Colfax, WA for 3 years, moved back to Longmont CO for 3 years - moved to Wellington CO for 12 years (finished raising our 2 boys there), moved out to the country near Wellington for 1 year, and then moved to Viola where we have lived since November 2009. I started out teaching high school (way back) - and then got into computer programming where I have spent most of my working career. I worked for McKesson Inc for 21 years programming Clinical Software for hospitals before coming to Viola. I now work at WSU in the college of Veterinary Medicine as an Instructional Materials Developer.

11am Worship Team continued ~

How long have you been involved with music? Pretty much since I can remember. My earliest recollection of a “prepare for” music piece was a 2nd grade “Tonet” rendition of “Holy, Holy, Holy” at 1st Presbyterian Church in Denver, CO. I started directing my first church choir back in 1985. I have lead various adult vocal, children vocal, and both adult and child bell choirs pretty much continuously over the years. I was involved in leadership for various drama ministries in the 90s. I started leading “worship bands” about 10 years ago - both adult and youth venues. What music do you like? At about 18 – God pretty much impressed on my heart that “you are what you sing” – and for me, that meant to limit what runs through my head to songs that speak of God rightly. (The next 7 years were rather a struggle to get to the place where I was feeding my soul with mainly “nourishing” things!) That said – there are LOTS of musical styles that speak of God rightly – and I praise God for His infinite diversity in that! Why is music important in worship? We each have a heart language – mine tends toward music. I think that worship is meant to include all of our being – head, (great teaching) – heart (great music, art, dance, poetry, construction, etc). God has given us each a “heart language” – whatever that is for you – you are designed to worship God with it. Do you have a Bible verse you try to live by? **Philippians 4:8 (The Message)** Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse. Put into practice what you learned from me, what you heard and saw and realized. Do that, and God, who makes everything work together, will work you into his most excellent harmonies.

Bill Dernel: I am originally from Chicago, I moved to the west (Utah) to go to college, met my wife, Nancy, married her, then moved back to Illinois for veterinary school. I practiced in Colorado for 5 years, came to WSU (with Nancy and our 2 boys), to do a surgery residency (lived in Colfax) in the early 90's, then moved back to Colorado where I was on faculty at Colorado State for 15 years. There, our boys grew up and we then headed back to WSU when I accepted an administrative position. We built a house in Viola and settled into Palouse Federated because of their faith beliefs and spiritual mission. How long have you been involved with music? I was in the church youth choir growing up, band in junior high and then took a hiatus until I met Nancy and she got me involved in church choir, bell choir and eventually worship bands. My boys turned me on to Christian rock. We needed a drummer for the band at PFC and since I always wanted to play drums, I tried it and have been going since (over a year now). I love it! What music do you like? Christian rock first, but I also enjoy the old classic hymns. Why is music important in worship? Everyone has their own 'worship conduit'; the part of worship that they feel Gods presence through the best. For me that is music. Do you have a Bible verse you try to live by? Many, but one 'theme' is well represented by Titus 3:5. 'He saved us not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit'

Ariel Hoffman: I'm 15 years old and Amy West's daughter , I 've been going to PFC for 11 years I'm pretty sure. I got baptized here four years ago and it was an amazing experience making it known that I was handing my life over to God; but I still have to do it every day if I want everything to go right. How long have you been involved with music? I've played saxophone for 4 years now; I played for my school concert band, and jazz band. But I just started playing bass... seven months ago, and it's really fun. I like playing it because there's a lot of stuff you can do on guitars that you can't do on other instruments. (And I play guitar too, but not as well as the others :) What music do you like? I like just about any music, but if I had to choose a favorite it'd probably be the David Crowder Band, they're really good and it's about worshiping God so I love it. I guess I like any song with a good message and actual instruments in it instead of techno stuff. Why is music important in worship? That's a hard question. Personally, I love to worship the Lord through music because it's my passion and His too so it's perfect for me. Some people appreciate it because they like to sing, or dance; music is a really good thing because you can let go and worship from your real self, not at all fake. The hard part is letting go and getting there with God. Do you have a Bible verse you try to live by? I'm kind of bad at that one because I'm really bad at memorizing verses. But there have been a couple that stick with me no matter where I am or how bad my memory is. I like *I have set the Lord always before me. Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken* (Psalm 16:8 because whatever happens in life, that is always true and it just reminds me that God is leading me everywhere I go, and that, if I trust in Him, I will always be following the right path and He will keep me safe.

Note from Pinky: Thank You all for sharing your life experiences, your testimonies and your talents! As I have put together the stories of our two musical Worship Teams, Psalms 100 has continually been on my heart and I think exemplifies what our Worship Teams bring to Palouse Federated Church. "1. Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. 2. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. 3. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not ourselves; we are his people and, and the sheep of his pasture. 4. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. 5. or the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting and his truth endureth to all generations."

Questions of Truth – Sunday Nights 6-7pm

Questions of Truth, or QOT for short, is a group where people can ask questions and explore questions of faith, doubt, good, evil and just about anything else. We hope this can be a place for believer and non-believer to feel welcome to discuss, learn and grow. Childcare is provided. The topics below are upcoming questions.

- April 3rd: “Can there be just one true religion?”
- April 10th: “One Good God- then where did evil come from? And why can’t God do away with it?”
- April 17th: “Isn’t spirituality a personal choice? Following a God who requires obedience doesn’t seem too authentic...”
- April 24th: “If Christianity is so great- then why does it have such violent history?”

PFC 101 – April 10th at Noon – All are Welcome!

PFC 101 is for those new to PFC- OR- those interested in church membership, child dedication or baptism. Pizza and childcare provided! Usually lasts around 45 minutes. Consider yourself invited!

Bible Book(s) of the Month –Psalms – Five Often Overlooked Books

This month you are challenged to read 5 books of the Bible. Each is short in length, and often overlooked by preachers including me (Pastor Corey). But these books are part of God’s Holy Scriptures and should not be ignored. Think of it this way: It is now spring and we need to do spring cleaning, get the dust and dirt off ignored things- and let them shine and grow again. Lamentations is a book of sadness. It will help you clean your soul and connect to Jeremiah and his suffering. The other four books, Habakkuk, Titus, Philemon and Jude will each, in their own way, challenge you about God’s holiness. Each of your day’s readings are short this month, with a couple of slack days built-in. So take your time and really think about the meaning of what you are reading.

Ask yourself these questions as you read:

- What is being said in this scripture for the original people that heard it?
- What is God saying to me today in this scripture?
- How will I be different today because of the truth I read in this scripture?

_ Day 1 — Lamentations 1:1 - 1:11	_ Day 11 — Lamentations 4:1 - 4:11	_ Day 21 — Titus 1:11 - 2:5
_ Day 2 — Lamentations 1:12 - 1:22	_ Day 12 — Lamentations 4:12 - 4:22	_ Day 22 — Titus 2:6 - 3:1
_ Day 3 — Lamentations 2:1 - 2:11	_ Day 13 — Lamentations 5:1 - 5:11	_ Day 23 — Titus 3:2 - 3:12
_ Day 4 — Lamentations 2:12 - 2:22	_ Day 14 — Lamentations 5:12 - 5:22	_ Day 24 — Titus 3:13 - 3:15
_ Day 5 — Lamentations 3:1 - 3:11	_ Day 15 — Habakkuk 1:1 - 1:11	_ ————— Philemon 1:1 - 1:8
_ Day 6 — Lamentations 3:12 - 3:22	_ Day 16 — Habakkuk 1:12 - 2:5	_ Day 25 — Philemon 1:9 - 1:19
_ Day 7 — Lamentations 3:23 - 3:33	_ Day 17 — Habakkuk 2:6 - 2:16	_ Day 26 — Philemon 1:20 - 1:25
_ Day 8 — Lamentations 3:34 - 3:44	_ Day 18 — Habakkuk 2:17 - 3:7	_ ————— Jude 1:1 - 1:4
_ Day 9 — Lamentations 3:45 - 3:55	_ Day 19 — Habakkuk 3:8 - 3:18	_ Day 27 — Jude 1:5 - 1:14
_ Day 10 — Lamentations 3:56 - 3:66	_ Day 20 — Habakkuk 3:19 - 3:19	_ Day 28 — Jude 1:15 - 1:25
	_ ————— Titus 1:1 - 1:10	

April & May Sermons

SERIES: “Spring Cleaning”

- April 3rd, Fourth Sunday in Lent, Psalm 23, Spring Cleaning, Part I: “Psalm Cleansing”
- April 10th, Fifth Sunday in Lent, Psalm 130, Spring Cleaning, Part II: “Dirty Corners - Dark Prayers”
- April 17, 2011, Sixth Sunday in Lent, Passion/Palm Sunday, Matthew 26:36-46, Spring Cleaning, Part III: “Unwanted Tasks”

SERIES: “The Fighter”

- April 24th, Resurrection Sunday, Colossians 3:1-4, Matthew 28:1-10, The Fighter, Part I: “Knocked Down Not Out”
- May 1, 2011, Second Sunday of Easter, John 20:19-31, The Fighter, Part II: “Not Giving Up on the Team”
- May 8, 2011, Luke 24:13-35, The Fighter, Part III: “Proper Nutrition”



Save the Date

Celebration of Gail Stearn's service as Director of the Common Ministry at WSU.

**April 26, 2011 4 – 6 p.m.
Lewis Alumni Centre, Pullman, WA**

After 12 years as Director of the Common Ministry at WSU serving WSU students, faculty and staff, and Pullman/Moscow community, Gail will be Dean of the Interfaith Chapel at Chapman University in Orange, California.

Please join us to celebrate Gail's 12 years of invaluable service and wish her the best for the new chapter in her life.

Contributions in honor of Gail can be made to the Common Ministry at WSU to create the "Gail Stearns Student Leadership Development Fund".

If you want to share a memory with Gail, we are creating a memory book for her. You can bring your wishes on a 8 1/2 x 11 page to the party, or mail it to the Common Ministry at WSU, 720 NE Thatuna, Pullman, WA 99163.

Please contact the Interfaith House office (332-2611) or office@interfaith-house.com for questions and additional information.

Pastor Corey to Speak at Gar-Pal Honors Dessert – April 25th

Pastor Corey has been invited to give a brief address at the honors dessert for Gar-Pal high school students who have earned a 3.0 GPA or higher. The address will focus on using your education to live a life of service.

Young Life: Needing Prayers and Athletes!

Thank you for the prayers! We had over 100 people participate in praying for Young Life, and our teens and leaders for the 14 days of prayer at the beginning of March. I want to affirm that those prayers did NOT go unanswered! I have the joy of building new relationships with teens and connecting them to youth events like the 30 hour famine and Journey's with Christ. When I look at the 14 names we specifically prayed for, I get excited to see that some of those teens now are join in and coming to YL club in Pullman! My personal desire is to see some of the teens we prayed for get inspired to join us at Malibu Club Summer camp in British Columbia this June! The success I see within Young Life growing is not from my work, but from your prayers! Thank you! So keep praying and feel free to ask me in person how Young Life is going, and I will grin as I tell you amazing stories of teens and their lives.

To help get kids to YL camp this June, Young Life is in the process of hosting a duathlon in Palouse on Saturday May 14th. A duathlon is a multi-sport event (similar to a triathlon). Our race will be based out of the Palouse City Park and will start with a 2 mile run, transition into a 10 mile bike, and then transition back to a 2 mile run! This event takes a lot of planning, and will attract some "serious" athletes from areas like Spokane and the Lewis-Clark valley. Please pray for competitors to sign up! The more racers we have, the more kids we can send to camp! So pray first, and secondly consider helping us. We need many volunteers now in the planning stage, and a mob of volunteers on the race day.

Small Groups are allowed to be short groups!

Traditionally small groups in churches, or Bible studies, have been long-term investments for the participants and the leaders. However, that doesn't fit everyone's style and schedule, and we're starting to recognize that at the Federated Church. We currently have about a dozen small group options and some of them are only commitments for 6-8 weeks. Some groups still have the long range commitment and have the ability to strengthen their faith as they dredge through some longer studies and topics, yet we believe some groups flourish with continual change. This is a new perspective that small groups are not synonymous with intimate groups. Friendships and faith are a priority, and that doesn't require sharing intimate soul-searching feelings. So if you have not tried a small group, I encourage you to consider one. Our soup suppers during Lent are a great opportunity to get the community feel for a small group. We anticipate new studies beginning after Easter if you are interested in a "shorter study". If you have questions or interest, please talk to Pastor Mark or indicate on a comment card at Sunday Worship and we will look forward to following up.

A Baby Shower for Sarah Anderson & Shai Ann Collier

Tuesday, May 3 from 9:00-10:30 a.m.

PFC Fellowship Room

Given by the Women with Children Bible Study

***Sarah** is expecting a girl and is due June 30th. is registered at Babies R Us and Shopko. She could use girl clothes of any size, diapers, and wipes.

***Shai Ann** is expecting a girl too, due April 7th. She hopes to be able to bring this little one to the party! She would appreciate girl clothes under size 21, diapers, wipes and other baby care products.



Come join us in welcoming these two little baby girls!

Financial Corner – A Tool for You

God's Wisdom for Your Finances, Book: "The Generosity Ladder: Your Next Step to Financial Peace" by Nelson Searcy. Excerpt: "The generosity ladder, like any ladder, is a tool. Right now you are standing at the bottom of the ladder, ankle deep in financial stress of debt, anxiety, and frustration, looking toward the top rung, the place from which you'll be able to wrap your hand around a life filled with financial peace." (p. 16). Does the above quote ring true for you? If so, you should consider reading "The Generosity Ladder." Pastor Corey will provide you with a free copy- just ask him! "Make us much as you can, save us much as you can, and give as much as you can." – John Wesley (founder of Methodism)

Dessert at the Laughary's – April 18th

You are invited to dessert with Pastor Corey and Tina. Have you been to Pastor Corey and Tina's home before? It's a house owned by the church, directly west of the church sanctuary at 620 N. Mary. You all are invited to come for some great dessert and conversation. The aim of this evening event is to give an opportunity for you to get to know our pastor's family personally. If you are interested in attending please RSVP on a communication card on Sundays, or email Pastor Corey at thelaugers@yahoo.com, or call Tina at 878-1334. Kids are welcome of course!

Prayer Requests

Our prayers are with the family of Boyd Beeson, the family of Anise Askins, the family of Vic Reiber, the family of Marv Druffel, David Woodall, the family of Pastor John McClure (former Pastor of Palouse Christian Church), Betty Perry, JR Young and his family, Joe Lynd, John Carrick, Charles Revis the family of Lindsay J. Oaks, Tiffany, Sandy & Norm Schorzman, marriages in our local communities, the youth of our community, people who are visiting in worship, for those in need of a relationship with Christ, our local, state, organizational and national leaders, for those struggling with difficult situations at home- whether illness, emotional, financial or relational, our neighbors, our nation, our troops & our communities.



A Habitat Build in El Salvador: Verlan & Diana Cochran

We are traveling with a group of 15 Thrivent members to El Salvador on April 1-10th to work on building a house out of cement block. El Salvador has a termite problem so their houses are built mostly out of cement block instead of wood.

When our agent found out that Verlan was working on the Habitat house in Palouse and that we had worked on one in Montana, he said he was getting a group together to go to El Salvador for a build and asked if we would like to go.

We have had a couple group meetings and have gotten our required shots and pills and purchased the necessary items to go. The boots and clothes you work in stay in El Salvador when you leave. They clean them up and give them to the local people. That also gives you extra space to bring back souvenirs if you wish.

We are scheduled to see a history museum and maybe even hopefully the Mayan ruins.

We have a prayer meeting at St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Spokane the night before we fly out. We appreciate your prayers for a successful build and safe travels for the group. Thank you. More information will follow when we return.

If you want to see that we are really working, one of the guys set up a blog that you can follow if you wish. We just got that the other day.

www.travelpod.com/travel-blog/thriventspokane/1/pod.html

~ Verlan & Diana Cochran

[Keep Verlan and Diana in your prayers!]

Women with Children Small Group

We have been meeting at church for a few weeks with wonderful volunteers taking turns watching our little ones for us! We feel very blessed to have the time to study God's Word together without worrying about the kids! Come join us Tuesdays from 9:00-10:30 in the Fellowship Room. A special THANK YOU to Butch and Joyce, Darlene, Carol, and Nancy. You have been a true answer to our prayers!

Sincerely,
Brenda Cook & the Small Group

January & February Church Data

	Total Church Attendance	Sunday School Attendance	Plate Offering
February 27, 2011	100	21	\$1,885.00
March 6, 2011	126	23	\$3,893.00
March 13, 2011	145	22	\$3,227.21
March 20, 2011	100	8	\$1,185.00
March 27, 2011	103	20	\$1,202.00

30 Hour Famine Follow Up (Youth Ministry) – Mark Sawyer

Students not only raised money to help world Hunger through World Vision's 30 hour famine but they also learned a great amount of wisdom. Specifically teens heard the message about understanding life as a gift, and how we only have "one life" to live therefore we show live it in a worthy matter. One student Ariel Hoffman a 9th grade from Palouse talks below about the epidemic of world hunger including the statistics that over 8000 children die each day due to hunger.

[...] the "one life" message really hit me; it's a strong message. I guess it just hits me mostly because they're not just little kids, or just adults, but everyone and anyone can be affected; hunger has caught everyone into its trap and I can't imagine losing my family, friends, and everything I've cared about. Plus it's really amazing that they still love and worship God when there are a bunch of people here in America who lose one person and give up on Him. They are all incredibly strong people and it really inspires me and I'm sure other people as well, to believe in God and not give up.

I'm proud to hear students "get it." Youth events like the 30 hour famine can have a 30 hour impact, or for some it can make an impact for a lifetime. Ariel is a teen that harbors a huge heart for God and reaching his people. Our youth with the help of the PFC congregation and community raised over \$1000 for World Vision. The final tabulation is yet to be completed but I did weigh the pennies and quarters and they were over 28 pounds! (we're still rolling the nickels and dimes!)

Thanks for the support and please continue praying for our Youth.

Men's Breakfast – April 16th – 7:30am

Special Guest: Walt White- expert on Islam and Christian relations to Islam. Has traveled to very interesting locations recently. Walt will briefly give some insights on the current upheaval in the Arab world. He will be available for questions and conversation during the breakfast and briefly afterward. Walt is a missionary our church supports financially. He is a Global Consultant for international ministries. You can read Walt's online journals here: <http://www.internationalministries.org/read/32445>
<http://www.internationalministries.org/missionaries/112#journals-and-news>

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Pastor Corey's schedule:
 Driving Bus Mon-Fri 6:30-9:45am
 Office/community/visiting Hours
 Mon-Thurs 9:30am-5:30pm
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 one another into loving servants of
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Sunday Schedule

9am Worship (childcare available age 5
 and under)
10am- Fellowship Time
10:15am – Sermon Prep Group
11am – Sunday School
11am – Worship (Childcare available,
 Youth Sunday School Available, age
 2 yrs through grade 8)
5:30pm – Youth Ministry
6pm – Questions of Truth
7pm – Worship

Holy Week – April 17th – 24th

The week before Resurrection Sunday (what some call “Easter”) is a week of special worship services to lead us closer to Christ as we honor his sacrifice and celebrate his resurrection.

Maundy Thursday 7pm - Servant Service- April 21st- This service is a combination of two sacred acts of the Christian tradition. We begin with worship in the sanctuary. The service is punctuated by the Lord’s Supper. Then we will break into groups or couples for foot washing. We are encouraging people to sign up for this service beforehand and plan to come with a person or group (maybe your small group or family?) that you want to experience foot washing with. Foot washing is an ancient practice of the Church and it was modeled by Jesus himself, but it is something that a lot of people have never done and it is a bit uncomfortable for the washer and the receiver. It is an act of humility and service. Please consider attending the servant service with a friend, spouse, your family or small group and participate in the foot washing- it is a powerful experience! Childcare will be available at the parsonage.

Good Friday- Tenebrae Service- April 22nd 7pm- at Holy Trinity Chapel - This service gets its name from the Latin word for darkness. It is held on the day that we call “Good” because God demonstrated His love for us in going to the cross and drawing all sin to Himself to save us from sin and death. This is a service that starts with 7 candles lit, but one by one they are extinguished as we hear the seven last sayings that Jesus spoke from the cross. This is a powerful service that will challenge you to consider what Jesus Christ experienced for the sake of mankind. If you have not been to the Holy Trinity Chapel on Bridge street- two blocks south of PFC- it is a serene setting for this thoughtful service.

Resurrection Sunday- Sunrise Service- April 24th 6am Greenwood Cemetery, Palouse (we’ll be near the end of the cemetery farthest from town to the South). We meet amidst the graves to proclaim that life has triumphed over death in Jesus Christ. This service is a brief service of song, prayer and a message of resurrection. Come dressed warmly, because it always seems to be windy up there.

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