

***OUR MISSION: DEPENDING ON JESUS TO  
RESTORE OUR (IMPERFECT) LIVES***

***PFC CONNECTION***

**“Depending on Jesus....” ~ PASTOR COREY**

We want to be up front and truthful with people that we are a group of people who depend on Jesus.

We want the name of Jesus near the front of our mission statement, because Jesus Christ is the one who saves us and sends us each into our mission field. We aren't sharing a generic religion. We are inviting people into a personal relationship with the God who became human as Christ Jesus.

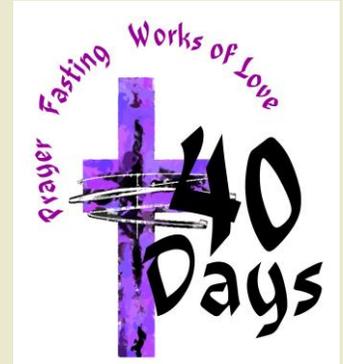
We are soon starting a Wednesday night Soup Supper Series called “Depending on Jesus.” You are going to hear from PFC folks, real life stories of how they “depend on Jesus.” I am also going to bring a short teaching each Wednesday night through the season of Lent on our new mission statement, values, strategy and measures that we have adopted from the Church Unique process. **Soup Suppers begin Wednesday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm, Theme: “Depending on Jesus to Restore Our (Imperfect) Lives.”**

We want our neighbors and friends to know that we know we are not perfect. No one is perfect. Only God is perfect. Many non-Christians think of Christians as people who perceive themselves morally superior. We want to send the message that the people of PFC know we are not perfect. Jesus is our perfection. He is the “founder and perfecter of our faith” (Hebrews 12:2). We need Him to restore us to relationship with God. We need Him to help us put our messy, imperfect lives together. On our own we are no better than non-Christians. It is the unmerited, unearned goodness of God towards us that restores us to relationship with Our Lord. And we want that for all people. Jesus is our restoration. He alone can take what is broken, messy, far from perfect- and make it into a life that will dwell with God in eternity.

I hope you will come to the Soup Suppers in the Season of Lent. They start Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> and go through Holy Week.

Depending on Jesus,  
Pastor Corey

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## CHURCH UNIQUE REPORT

At the Annual Meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup> the Church Unique “language” will be revealed fully to the PFC family. The Church Unique process was one of finding the unique mission God has called our local church to. We did this by looking at our surrounding communities, assessing needs, talking with church folks about their gifts, values and callings, adding to those findings lots of prayer and discussion in order to distill down to our “Church Unique” profile. This includes a new mission statement, key values, important measuring questions for leaders and members, and a basic summarized strategy moving forward. When all the work is boiled down to one page, it doesn't look like much, but the truth is there is a great deal of power behind and in these words. If you attend the Annual Meeting you will find out how important this process and its findings will be to our future. The leaders of PFC believe this will help us to have a clearer focus and ministry approach going forward. We want to be laser focused on being people who depend on Jesus, and help others depend on Jesus, truly seeing people have their lives restored from brokenness to healthy relationship with the Lord. We believe that we need to live out and hold as key values: trust, relationships, truth and service. We want our neighbors to know they can trust the people of PFC; that we are people who take healthy relationships seriously and we truly care for the people in our lives. We also highly value God's Truth, the inspired written Word of God, as our source for wisdom and to know the will of God and His Good News. And we of course value loving and serving our neighbors. This mission and these values need to be tested and measured. You can read our “Measure questions” on the next page. These are carefully worded questions to make us measure how we are actually living out the faith and values we claim to have. Our “strategy” of doing church is not going to change much- we are still focused on having quality worship experiences, spiritual growth opportunities (like small groups and Bible studies), and encouraging people to serve others and share Christ with their Oikos. We are, however, going to assess how well we as a church are actually living out our mission in all our different ministries. Please pray for the ongoing process of implementing Church Unique into the life of PFC. It is all about trying to be the Church Christ is calling us to be.

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### Palouse Federated Church - Church Unique- Summary

**Mission/Vision:** Depending on Jesus to Restore Our (Imperfect) Lives.

[Short version: Depending on Jesus, Restoring Lives]

**Values:** Trust, Relationships, Truth, Serving

**Measure Questions:**

1. How is my daily talk with God?
2. What am I busy about?
3. How have I made myself available to Jesus today?
4. How do I daily serve my neighbor?
5. Do I give time to let others help me grow?

**Strategy:** Spiritual Growth, Worship, Serving/Sharing

**Key Scripture for 2016: Hebrews 12:2** *looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*



### DUATHLON – JUNE 11<sup>TH</sup> – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

Palouse River Duathlon is set for Saturday, June 11. This "Run-Bike-Run" Young Life sponsored event is gaining popularity in our area because of the beautiful scenery and challenges it gives racers. More details will soon be available on the Visit Palouse website under duathlon.

Please share this date with those interested in racing, helping Young Life with set up, lunch for racers, and publicity. Contact Mark Sawyer at (509-939-2143 or mark\_sawyer@hotmail.com) for more information or if you are interested in participating or volunteering.

## ROSS POINT WOMEN'S RETREAT, APRIL 22-24, 2016

Ladies, mark your calendars for April 22-24 for the Ross Point Women's Retreat, "**HOPE and TRUST in the LORD, for the best is yet to come!**" Our PFC Ladies Bible Studies are directing the retreat this year.



Our very own Tina Laughary will be sharing talks at 2 of the sessions on "Hope" and "Trust."



Evelyn Savochka, from Darby, Montana, will also be there to share at two of the sessions on "The Reason for My Hope."

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. ~ Jeremiah 29:11*

There will be a talent show so bring your music, humor, reading, skit, dance or story to share. There will be bible-centered sessions, small group sharing and prayer, a "depend on Jesus" activity, adult coloring, worship and communion with our Lord. And who can forget the great food, the wonderful atmosphere, and just hanging out with other ladies seeking God. Please join us!

The retreat begins with dinner at 6:15 on Friday night, April 22. You have a choice of cabin or lodge rooms for your two night stay. It ends Sunday morning around 11 AM after worship on April 24. Prices range from \$91 to \$164 depending upon the type of lodging you select, Riverside motel style, or dormitory style cabins. A \$10 discount is available for early registration, by April 8<sup>th</sup>. The cost includes your lodging, meals and program.

To learn more about the retreat and how to register for the Women's Retreat, go to [www.rosspoint.org](http://www.rosspoint.org). Please contact the Ross Point office at 208-773-1655 for assistance.

\*Childcare will not be available however, nursing moms are welcome!\*

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## “Be A Blessing” Card Ministry:

~ Paula Bauer

Q. What do you get when you cross rock, paper, and scissors with a bunch of women?

A. Hmm... I don't know either--- someone clever should figure out a punchline for that!

But I DO know what you get when you turn 14 PFC ladies and teens loose for two hours in a room filled with paper, scissors, glue and other craft supplies (and yes, even small rocks) ..... you get about 50 cards created, and that's no joke!

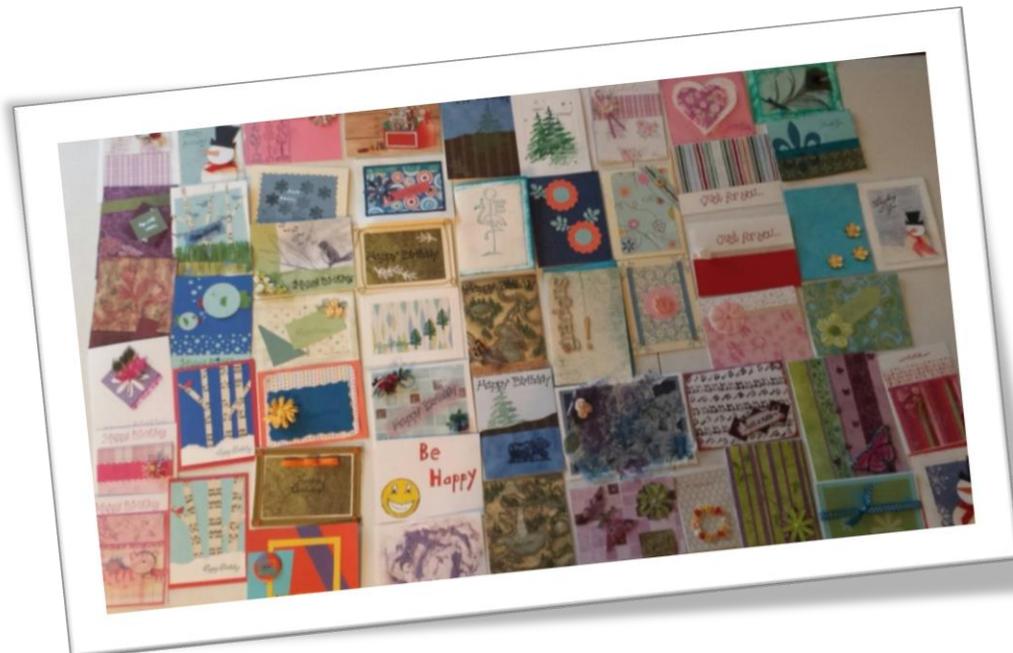
The card-making workshop on Jan. 16 was delightful fun as ladies and teens dove into a vast array of papers and craft materials. Their efforts have infused the \*"Be A-Blessing" Card Cabinet\* with another batch of lovely hand-made cards -- available for blessing and encouraging the people in your life and OIKOS. These are always FREE for the taking, as an outreach ministry of PFC. If you appreciate this card ministry & wish to support it, there's a small donation box in the cabinet.

**Our next workshop will be Feb. 13 from 1-4 pm.** \*Techniques & tips will be covered for those needing a little creative direction to get started. There are only four seats left for February, so contact me: 208-882-4945/cell

208-596-8725 or

[gemstatemom@gmail.com](mailto:gemstatemom@gmail.com) to reserve a spot if you want join this fun, creative ministry. (We discovered the maximum capacity of the Bauer dining room is 9 people [ages 12 & up] in order to provide sufficient work space for everyone. If all the seats are taken, your name will go on the top of the list for next month).

And may we all be looking for various ways to be \*a-blessing\* others every day!



## GOALS OF LIGHT

~ BY TINA LAUGHARY

Here we are a full month into 2016. I've been thinking a lot about what type of year I want for 2016. I've developed a few goals I would like to achieve. One such goal is based on a favorite scripture. Philippians 4:8 says, "8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things." Here the apostle Paul encourages the people of Philippi to immerse their thoughts in those things which are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable and praiseworthy. It's a beautiful idea, but how do we accomplish it in a dark and sinful world. We cannot simply remove ourselves from negativity and evil—not when we are called to be salt and light. This is a difficult command Paul is giving. A goal of mine for 2016 is to take these words of Paul to heart.

I understand the reasons behind this teaching. My life experiences have taught me that whatever I surround myself with tends to seep in. We slowly and subtly pick up the habits and ideas of those around us. Have you ever heard words come out of your child's mouth and you know they are just repeating what they have heard you say? More is caught than taught. We have to be mindful of this dynamic while we live life in a world full of characteristics we do not wish to "catch".

I believe the Apostle Paul knew that fulfilling the Great Commission means we cannot merely separate ourselves from the world around us. We often have to purposefully put ourselves in situations with people that we do not want to become like. I believe what Paul is suggesting has less to do with where we are physically and more to do with our intentions. What is our purpose—our focus? When we are in these difficult, worldly situations are we looking for a way to point the lost to Jesus? Do we attempt to make our words, our advice, our slant on life reflect the good news of the Gospel? This is difficult! I believe it can only be accomplished when we spend time filling ourselves with the encouraging words of scripture and when we fill our days with prayer and surrender to the Holy Spirit.

Personally, I have chosen to begin my day, everyday with scripture and with prayer. I find this puts my day on the right track--the track pointed toward Christ. Thanks to a wonderful app on my phone I have also begun listening to scripture while I am getting ready for the day. I find the beginning of the year is a good time to stop and evaluate the things I allow into my mind. Take for instance music, television, internet websites and other media. Are these things true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable and praiseworthy? Do I need to change the amount or the source of these influences?

What we fill ourselves with pours out of us. What do I want to spill out of me? In 2016 do I want to spill truth and light or negativity and darkness?

# Depending on Jesus: My Entire Life Rests Upon Jesus Christ Alone. My Whole Being Depends on His Love.

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## PRAYER REQUESTS: GOD HEARS THE PRAYERS OF HIS PEOPLE

Pray for your Oikos! We pray for the family & friends of Jim Kent (Scott Kent's father), and the family & friends of Carl Miller (Joann Miller's son). We pray for Konnor Sterling (13 yr old, Leukemia), Nancy Wolf (surgery recovery, for Nicole, Daniel and Gabriel Wegner, for Arnetta Tompkins, for Quinton (5 yrs old, heart issues), Don Comstock (medical tests) & Verna Comstock (caregiver), for Patty Myott (broken collar bone), and for Jill Griffin (bone growth, pain) & Steven Griffin (caregiver). We pray for our PFC Sunday school, we pray for all the children and the teachers to be filled with His Spirit. We praise God for continued growth of the Bishop Place worship service; praying for Pastor Matt & his family. We pray for the bible study at Eastern State Hospital & all the residents there. We praise God for providing 4 volunteer youth ministry leaders- pray for youth to come to

Christ. We pray for our International Missionaries and partner church and orphanage in Uganda (pastors, teachers, orphans). We pray for this hurting world, for all the people impacted by world suffering; from political violence and hate, human disasters, injustice, praying these events will be used as an opportunity to expand our faith and bring others to the feet of Jesus. Please pray for our local "shut- ins" listed in the newsletter. We pray for our public servants, their families and communities.

**Active Duty Service Members:** Jason Evenson, Mitch Kriebel, Mark Tronsen, Zach Spear, Michael Forbes, Danielle Tavenner, Nick Burgess, Adam Burnett, Kristina Pillai, Tim Slempe, Ben Lynch, Liza Chavira, Jake Gehring, Gage Trout, and Johnathan Gehring.

## LENT EVENTS

February 10<sup>th</sup> 6am or 6pm - Ash

Wednesday- Service of Ashes. Come and receive a mark of ashes on your forehead at one of our two Ash Wednesday services.

This is a service that reminds us in a very physical way that we are mortal. That from the dust we came, and without the intervening grace of God, we shall return to dust.

This is a brief service- with scripture, silent reflection and prayer. All are welcome at this service.

Childcare will be provided at the 6pm service.

Soup Suppers 6pm Starting Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>

Come one and all to the Soup Suppers starting Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

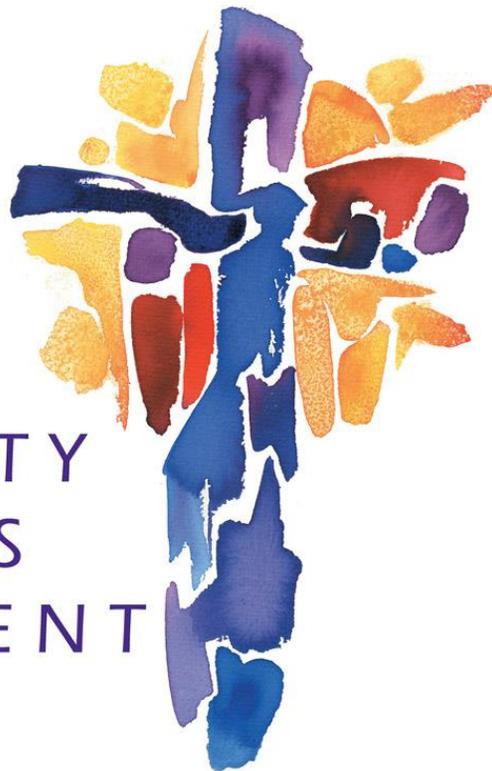
Pastor Corey will teach a brief lesson connected to our new church mission statement, and each week a member of PFC will share a story of depending on Jesus.

This is a great event for you to invite friends, family and neighbors.

Consider signing up to bring a soup or bread to share.

Childcare will be provided.

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**FEBRUARY 2016 CALENDAR**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 3pm: Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	2 5:30am: Men's Bible Study * 8:30am: Mom's Bible Study * 10am: Bible Study *	3 10am: Ladies Bible Study * 6pm: Soup Suppers 6:30pm: Bible Study * 7pm, Youth Worship Practice	4	5	6
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**Bible studies with an \* indicate they are held at PFC**

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## FEBRUARY SERMONS

- February 7<sup>th</sup>, 9&11am "Gnats: The Peril of Not Listening to God," Exodus 8:16-19
  - 6pm, Part 1, "Dead in Sin," Ephesians 2:1-10
- **February 10<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday services at 6am & 6pm**
- February 14<sup>th</sup>, 9&11am "Final Teaching: Spirit," Luke 24:44-49
  - 6pm, Part 2, "Grace," Ephesians 2:1-10
- February 21<sup>st</sup>, 9&11am "Flies: The Peril of Cheating God," Exodus 8:20-32
  - 6pm, Part 3, "We are His Workmanship," Ephesians 2:1-10
- February 28<sup>th</sup>, 9 & 11am "The Departure is Not the End," Luke 24:50-53
  - 6pm, "One in Christ," Ephesians 2:11-22

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# Taking stock

**giving, praying, fasting**

*A 40 day Lenten Journey*

*"Depending on Jesus..."*

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