

Community Presbyterian Church

1100 College Avenue

May 2021

Pastor's Corner



On Sunday, April 25, Katie Stark, Presbytery's Missional Expeditor, came to worship with us to share about where God's been on move in the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest and hold a discussion during coffee hour. During her moment for mission, Katie reported on the Presbytery grants given out during 2020. Over \$65,000 was given out in grants to help congregations serve others during the pandemic. We received funds to purchase food for our Little Free Pantry. Other churches received funds to help provide child care to children of essential workers, food boxes, rent assistance, and support for the amazing refugee restaurant Feast World Kitchen in Spokane.

During coffee hour, Katie lead 15 of us as we discussed two topics. We were in 2 groups. Where have we seen "Glimpses of God" and what have we noticed over the last year?

Answers included:

- Thankful for medical care in our good hospital
- God's care in the midst of loss and grief
- Food pantry use increased by 3rd month of pandemic.
- Connections happened through technology
- No large wildfires
- Caring community-businesses survived and even thrived
- We need each other! Importance of family time, not being so busy, grow relationship with God.
- Pastor Janet and Leo keeping church

open and worshipping.

Katie then directed us to think in terms of "doable ideas" that are fitting for our size, community and energy. As we think about "Where might we join God?"

By the movement of the Holy Spirit, both groups separately said to reach out to the isolated!

*Reach out through phone calls, cards, treats, and taking time to talk with others in person.

*Food Pantry

It was also suggested to reach out to the Fernwood church and share the story of our little free pantry to encourage them to start one. We might offer to build more. We can invite other churches and communities to donate food to the pantry.

Katie encouraged us to apply for a Presbytery missional grant that would help fund a new ministry or idea.

Those two areas are both doable and exciting!

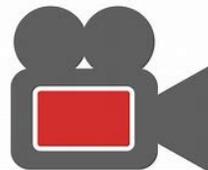
How can you add to this conversation? Think of the names of people who are isolated, how can we help them feel more loved, less lonely and more connected? Let me know!

Blessings!

Janet

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Join Janet at 9:00am beginning May 16 for a 6 weeks video study on "Jesus the God who knows your name" by Max Lucado. We'll have an opportunity to become "more familiar with Jesus, the man at the center of the greatest story ever told." May-June sermons will be based in the scriptures from each chapter of the book.



Mother's Day      May 9  
 Pentecost          May 23  
 Memorial Day      May 31

Emma McLaughlin      5/03  
 Bonnie Scott            5/04  
 Jim Broyles              5/06  
 Jenifer Miller          5/08  
 Patty Moya              5/14  
 Bayleigh Humphrey    5/18  
 Richard Schumacker    5/18  
 Frances McDowell      5/19  
 Heidi Scott              5/19  
 Jeanne Robinson        5/21  
 Pinky Humphrey        5/24  
 Miriam Foster            5/27  
 Bill Cowin                5/28  
 Gail Barbour            5/29



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On the Day of Pentecost we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit descending in a mighty rush of wind and flame to inspire the church's proclamation of Christ's rising and to empower its mission and ministry to the world. (See Acts 2:1-13; see also Joel 2:28-32.)

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## Lord, Thank You!



Lord, thank You for this sink of dirty dishes. We have plenty food to eat.

Thank You for this pile of dirty, stinky laundry. We have plenty of nice clothes to wear.

And I would like to thank You, Lord for those unmade beds. They were so warm and comfortable last night. I know that many have no bed.

My thanks to You, Lord, for this bathroom, complete with all the splattered mirrors, soggy, grimy towels and dirty lavatory. They are so convenient.

Thank You for this finger-smudged refrigerator that needs defrosting so badly. It has served us faithfully for many years. It is full of cold drinks and enough leftovers for two or three meals.

Thank you, Lord, for this oven that absolutely must be cleaned today. It has baked so many things.

The whole family is grateful for all that tall grass that needs mowing. The lawn needs raking. We all enjoy the yard!

Thank You, Lord, even for that slamming door. My kids are healthy and able to run and play.

Lord, the presence of all these chores awaiting me say You have richly blessed my family. I shall do them cheerfully and I shall do them gratefully.

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One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Alex was staring up at the large plaque that hung in the foyer of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and small American flags were mounted on either side of it. The seven-year-old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside him and said quietly, "Good morning, Alex."

"Good morning, Pastor," replied the young man, still focused on the plaque. "Pastor McGhee, what is this?" Alex asked.

"Well, son, it's a memorial to all the men and women who have died in the service."

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he finally managed to ask, "Which one, the 9:00 or 10:30 service?"