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**Home-bound Communion**

The first Sunday of every month is an opportunity for our church family to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ through partaking in the Lord’s Supper. We want everyone who has placed their faith in Jesus Christ to have the opportunity to participate, but we are aware that some in our family are not able to get out due to bad weather or physical problems. However, our Deacons will be available to bring Communion to those who want to receive it on that Sunday. Please call the church office (786-1594) and let us know if you aren’t going to be able to be in church and would like to have Communion in your home.

**Our Lives. Our Building. Our Community.**

RENOVATE 3 YEAR GIVING TOTAL (2018-2020): $432,041.40 (96% of pledges were fulfilled) THANK YOU!

**RENOVATE EXTENSION (1/2021-6/2023):**

Total Renovate Extension Pledge Cards Recv’d: $104,450

LOAN BALANCE: $198,116.29

**Giving options:**

**·mail your check (we have a secure, locked mailbox)**

**·drop your check off at the office**

**·set up bill pay through your bank**

**·bring to church (offering plate is at back of the sanctuary)**

**·go to our website www.prosserpres.org & look for the giving tab**

Thank you for your commitment to our church family. If you have questions please call Bonnie at 786-1594.

January-March 2021

Actual Budgeted Income: $ 81,801.00\*

Actual Budgeted Expenses: $-69,346.13

$ 12,454.87

\*includes one pledge fulfilled for the year &

partial funding from the PPP ($20,000)-see below.

*From the Pastor’s Desk*

Some experiences in life are both exhilarating and terrifying. Rappelling is one of those. My first time was in the Austrian Alps. Rather than climbing a cliff you start at the top, some 70 to 80 tall. You are wearing a harness attached to a rope that is anchored into a hook or large rock. It is amazing how small and

flimsy the rope, harness, and hook look as you start to back over the edge of the cliff. Typically, a person who is anchored is feeding you the rope. As you take that first step, they suddenly appear small and extraordinarily inexperienced. The reality is that in rock-climbing rappelling is actually fairly safe compared to

actual climbing. It just feels wrong. Something in our wiring tells us going backwards over a 70-80 cliff is not something sane people do. It reminds me of what some are experiencing as we re-open as a society and as a church. However, coming back to church is more like rappelling than actual climbing, at least in terms of physical safety.

All the church people I have talked to have either been fully vaccinated or have natural immunity from having Covid19. We have many who work for the school district and in healthcare and therefore are fully vaccinated. Most of our grandparents in the faith have been very diligent about their vaccines. Since we live in a small town where word travels very quickly others have received extra vaccines that were available. Far more protection than what you will experience if you go to Walmart or eat out at a restaurant. Additionally, we have been

diligent about keeping people in worship six feet apart with face-masks on while on the premises. Again, better than other places you might go. In this safe

environment we have PromiseLand for children and this Sunday we will be opening the nursery with safety protocols in place. We consider protecting one another an expression of the kind of love Jesus commanded us to show.

Of course, physical safety is not the same spiritual safety. You will not be spiritually immune to the movement of the Holy Spirit. Jesus promised that when two or three are gathered He will be there. He is the Almighty God who through His power created all that is seen and unseen. He could also wipe it out in the twinkling of an eye. When we come together you will risk being overwhelmed by the radical, risk-taking love and power of our God. You may never be the same… see you Sunday.

Pastor Paul

Reminder:

Our Daily Bread and Upper Room devotional books are available outside of the Yakima Ave entrance. They are stored in a clear plastic tote on top of the mailbox-please stop by anytime.

Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs 830-4p

Friday Closed

**LET’S CONTINUE TO STAY CONNECTED….**

\*Weekly mailings will continue to be mailed-we are providing family worship outline and study guide to you unless you call & let us know that it’s not necessary to mail them to you.

\*Weekly sermon & materials are available on the website.

You can choose to open and view or print.

\*We will be live streaming worship on Facebook at 10am.

\*Email blasts-we are sending out emails to our church

family with any changes/updates and prayer requests.

\*Our church family is being covered in prayer by staff and your Elders-we are family!

*\*The staff is available during the week for any concerns/prayer requests, errands you need help with, or if you just need to talk.*

April Birthdays:

4/01 Zach Renollet

4/02 Diana Martin

4/04 Susan Nelson

4/08 Susan Reams

4/14 Jesse Candanoza

4/14 Skylee Weaver

4/16 Sandy Robertson

4/16 Heidi DeVriend

4/17 Nicole Jansen

4/19 Sandra Richman

4/22 Jeanice Schmick

4/24 Lindsey Andrews

4/25 Carol Elder

4/25 Georgia Rogers

4/25 Jacob Schnellbach

4/26 Anna Don

4/29 Layne Padelford

Church Family, thank you for all of your calls, cards, flowers, prayers, and kindness during my recent loss. I can feel your prayers and appreciate them so much. Sincerely, Bettie Ottman

**How to Set Up Your Amazon Smile Account**

Shop AmazonSmile and support our church! AmazonSmile offers the same great products, deals, and shopping experience as Amazon, the only difference is Amazon donates a portion of your purchase price to the charitable organization of your choice.Simply visit smile.amazon.com you can log in using your email and password as if you were at amazon.com. From there select Covenant Presbyterian Church of Processor WA (note that they spelled Prosser wrong not us) as the charitable organization you would like to support. There are a number Covenant Presbyterian Churches out there so make sure it is the one in ‘Processor WA.’ AmazonSmile will save that information and will make a donation every time you purchase through smile.amazon.com

**Step One:** Go to smile.amazon.com log in using your email and password as if you were at amazon.com from there select a charitable organization you would like to support.

**Step Two:**Select the Covenant Presbyterian Church of

Processor WA.

**Step Three:** Shop, Amazon Smile will remember the charity you selected and will always donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to that charity.

**Social Justice**

Recent events have caused me to ask some hard questions about God’s intentions for a just world. My experience has shown me that Christians are deeply concerned about these issues however it has also been observed that Sunday morning at 11AM is the most segregated hour of the week. Why is that? Have we become too comfortable with our own comfort levels?

Pastor Jacki and I would like to invite others into this conversation. We would like to gather a group of 10 people on

Wednesdays at 6:30PM via Zoom as soon as possible. If you are interested email (pfredericks@charter.net) or call me (509-303-0765).

Pastor Paul

Do we have your email address? We have a great email

program that we use for prayer requests, upcoming church events, volunteer needs, and weekly updates. If you want to be added please call Bonnie.

May Birthdays:

5/01 Donna Greenough

5/02 Jacob Rainer

5/04 Tim Alsbury

5/05 Kendra Hemming

5/05 Jon Don

5/05 Nicole Fredericks

Cheri Eisen, is a licensed physical therapist that is offering

Wellness classes here at the church.She focuses on

Geriatric wellness, fitness, strength, and general well-being. Classes are Monday & Thursday at 11am; $5 each class.may attend twice at no charge to see if this is something you would benefit from. Please call Cheri if you are interested at 816-510-5025

Social media platforms to keep connected:

Instagram: prossercovenantpres

Twitter: @PCovenantPres

Church website: www.prosserpres.org

Find us on Facebook too!

REMINDER:

In early December a letter was sent to update you on RENOVATE. Renovate was our 3 year building renovation campaign that started in 2018. We were able to make many beautiful changes and upgrades mostly to our main floor that we have now been enjoying for 2 years.

Many of you have responded and we are so grateful! If you haven’t had an opportunity to respond and still would like to do that please mail your card back. If you have misplaced your card please reach out to Bonnie.

We appreciate your sacrificial giving that you have shown over the past three years. Call Bonnie if you have any questions. **Thank you.**

**PROMISELAND**

THE BEST HOUR

OF EVERY KID’S WEEK!

For children preschool -5th grade

**Good News!**

**Promiseland is meeting in-person !**

All children preschool – 5th grade are welcome to follow the Promiseland Leaders downstairs right after the Children’s Moment. Children will be released when the worship service has ended.

The PL Leaders and students will be following our Church’s Covid Protocols

**Masks – social distancing – hand sanitizer**

Our Team is committed to being Covid aware for Large Group and Small Group storytelling, teaching, props, games, writing materials, and shared spaces/surfaces.

**Youth Group**

**Prayer ~Talk ~ Text**

**Email ~ Zoom**

**We are here for you!**

**Times are strange and staying connected can be tough. Please feel free to contact Jacki for – well - for anything and everything! (really!)**

**509-378-9679 or jackim@prosserpres.org**

*We understand that this school year looks different and it’s certainly not what you were hoping for. Please know,*

*that EACH of you are in our prayers!*

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| **CURRENT:**  -Prayer group via Zoom (Bonnie & Jacki)  -Worship planning & preparation - Creative Team & Pastoral staff  -Streaming services – worship team, production team, pastoral staff  -Working with Jubilee Ministries for those in need outside of church  -Emergency fund ministry ministering to those in church family w/ financial difficulties  -Pastoral ministry via phone, emails, and cards  -Planning (webinars & consultation with other churches)  -Zoom meetings (monthly Session & weekly staff meetings)  -Northwest Presbytery Pastoral Ordination Ministry Team – Pastor Paul & Jacki  -Adopted Amber Hills staff (encouraging notes & treats about once a month)  -Whitstran staff (encouraging notes & treats about once a month)  -Deacons delivering communion packets once a month to home bound & others  -Meals and flowers provided through the Deacons |

-Pastor Paul sermon study (Zoom)

**We have compiled a list of current ministries as well as completed ministries. We are encouraged by the many ministries that are still happening! We are serving Christ together and would appreciate any positive feedback-do you have additional ministry ideas? Do you feel we have missed something? Do you want to help start a new ministry or add to this list?**

**CURRENT/ONGOING:** Prayer group via Zoom (Bonnie & Jacki) Worship planning & preparation - Creative Team & Pastoral staff Streaming services – worship team, production team, pastoral staff Working with Jubilee Ministries for those in need outside of church Emergency fund ministry ministering to those in church family w/ financial difficulties Pastoral ministry via phone, emails, and cards Planning (webinars & consultation with other churches and leaders) Zoom meetings (weekly staff meetings & monthly Session) Northwest Presbytery Pastoral Ordination Ministry Team – Pastor Paul & Jacki Amber Hills staff support (encouraging notes & treats about once a month) Whitstran staff support (encouraging notes & treats about once a month) Deacons delivering communion packets once a month to home bound & others Deacons; meals, cards, calls, and flowers Youth Team-cards of encouragement, gift cards, journals and check ins. Pastor Paul sermon study (Zoom) Promiseland video lessons-weekly Virtual Coffee Hour

**COMPLETED:**

VBS in a box

Youth group via Zoom

Gift bags to local Pastors

Treat bags to PSD bus drivers, maintenance, and food service workers

Thanksgiving food to 13 Whitstran Families

Christmas gifts and grocery gift cards to 14 families

Christmas Eve packets for our church family

**RESTART/NEW:**

Additional prayer groups via Zoom

Small group studies (group of 5)

Griefshare

Celebrate Recovery

Youth Internship

Divorce Care

This is a gentle reminder that if you haven’t had an opportunity to make your 2021 commitment we would still appreciate yours!

Commitment options:

\*A letter was mailed with a commitment card enclosed-fill out and mail back to the church.

\*Commitment cards are available at the church-fill out & put in offering plate (at the back of the sanctuary).

\*Go to our website (www.prosserpres.org), click on GIVE tab & then click on General Fund Drive.

\*Email Bonnie at bonniea@prosserpres.org with your giving amount.

\*Call Bonnie at 509-786-1594 and she will take your commitment over the phone.

During these difficult times we are trying to reach everyone and be flexible as to how you can make your commitment. We really appreciate your generosity! THANK YOU!

Paul Fredericks, Pastor paulf@prosserpres.org

Jacki McNair, Dir. of Family Ministry jackim@prosserpres.org

Bonnie Anaya, Office Manager bonniea@prosserpres.org

509-786-1594 www.prosserpres.org

**Our staff is here for you!**

**Please feel free to call any one of us on our cell phones:**

Pastor Paul 509.303.0765

Pastor Jacki 509.378.9679

Bonnie 509.832.0682

**Nursery News!**

**Beginning this Sunday,April 11 the church nursery will be available for children 3 years old and younger!**

**(4 & up may attend**

**Promiseland)**

The church applied and was approved for the second draw of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP). This is a federally funded program through the Small Business Association (SBA). The PPP was established with the intent to keep

employees on payroll during COVID and covers a few other expenses. We received $46,619; these funds have to be used

according to the SBA and then will be eligible for forgiveness. If you have any questions please contact Bonnie.

April 4

Pastor Paul Fredericks

April 11

Pastor Paul Fredericks

April 18

Pastor Paul Fredericks

April 25

Pastor Jacki McNair

Staff & Video/Sound Workers,

Thank you for the wonderful work you do and the difference you make in our church. You make a lot of us happy because we can go to church by Facebook. Thank you to all for the wonderful work you are doing in Jesus’ name.

Praise the Lord for you all,

Arva Whitney

Church Family,

We are in the process of gathering photos for a fresh, updated directory that we are making in-house! We haven’t seen each other for awhile and thought it would be great to print a new directory complete with photos and updated contact info.

We have three options for photos:

Email your own photo (preferably horizontal) to Bonnie at

bonniea@prosserpres.org

2) If you need an updated photo Warren Barmore and Anne Walker are willing to come to your house/front porch to take a picture. Please call or email Bonnie to set that up.

3) If you prefer to have your picture taken while you are at church please let Bonnie know and she will make sure Warren or Anne are available.

**Please submit any contact information corrections and your photo by April 22nd! Thank you.**

bonniea@prosserpres.org or 509.786.1594