

First Presbyterian Church



January 2022

From the Heart

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the baptismal liturgy, and on occasions when we gather at the font to receive new members, celebrate Baptism of the Lord Sunday, or when someone renews their baptismal vows we often hear the words: *Remember the waters of your baptism*. The phrase invites us to harken back to when we were baptized and to remember not only the meaning of baptism, but the time when we passed through those same

cleansing waters.

When I think about my baptism, I get a mostly warm feeling, though I must confess I also feel a tinge of regret. The reason: *I do not remember the waters of my baptism*. As far as I know, there was nothing notable about my baptism, except maybe that it took place on April Fools Day—and I only know this because I stumbled upon my baptismal certificate a few years ago. I did not have an experience like Becca who stood before the

congregation as an adult and professed her faith in Jesus. I was not immersed as some of my friends were, whether in a river, lake, or baptistry. I did not see the heavens open up as Jesus did when he was baptized. My only recollection, and it is a vague one at that, is that we had cake.

I was six and a half years old when I said yes to Jesus. At least that is what my baptismal certificate says. That certificate and the photo of me and Pastor Natwick standing in the sanctuary

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Inclement Weather Policy

In light of the Christmas snow, it is always wise to review our policy in terms of winter weather. In general, it will not be our policy to cancel our Sunday services at 8:30 or 11 am. We have a plan to clear and salt the parking lot in time for service, so the church will be accessible.



The decision to cancel Sunday services (in the case of truly dangerous weather conditions) will be made by 7:30 am on Sunday morning. Cancellations will be communicated on our website, fpcpa.org, our Facebook page, or by email.

Daytime: If the Port Angeles public schools are closed due to weather-related problems, the office will be closed and daytime events will be canceled until 5 pm. If day events were canceled, evening events are canceled unless participants hear otherwise from their program leader. If the schools are running late call the church office to see if the church will be open. Or set up a

Zoom meeting through the office, as an alternative to canceling an in-person meeting.

If conditions keep you from traveling, then please take caution and stay home.

No event requires your attendance if you feel that weather conditions are dangerous. It is your right and responsibility to determine whether it is safe and/or wise to travel when road conditions may be hazardous.



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of Central Lutheran Church in Eugene, Oregon, are the only proof I have of the event. I don't remember approaching the font, the feeling of water on my forehead, the touch of the pastor's hand as he blessed me, or having my name announced to the congregation. It is a bummer.

Over the years, I have learned to cope with my baptismal anxiety. I suppress my envy and smile politely when people tell me about their adult baptisms. I empathize with people who were baptized as babies but wish they could have claimed their vows themselves...even as I wonder how much my six and a half year-

old self really knew about Jesus when I said my "I dos" in front of the congregation 48 years ago. Does any of this resonate with you?

Do you suffer from baptism anxiety? Or do you ever experience its sister disorder: baptism superiority complex? (Baptism superiority complex is where people who were baptized as adults—typically by immersion—secretly question the efficacy of infant or sprinkle baptisms.) If so, then the first step is to simply name it and get it out on the table. These disorders can turn *remembering the waters of baptism* into *questioning the*

waters of baptism, and nothing could be further from the intent of the sacrament.

I hope this will provide you with some mental and spiritual fodder in preparation for January 9, when we will celebrate Baptism of the Lord Sunday and be invited to remember and renew our baptisms. We will also dive a little deeper into these matters of baptism anxiety and baptism superiority complex, and how we can address them in our lives. Until then, *remember the waters of your baptism...or at least try.*

Godspeed,

Mall

One Parish One Prisoner News

A member of the OPOP team donated three copies of the book *Halfway Home* by Reuben Miller to the church. Look for them on the table outside the office or at the Connection Center. Miller, a former chaplain at a Chicago jail and a sociologist studying mass incarceration, spent years alongside prisoners, ex-prisoners, their friends, and their families to understand the lifelong burden that even a single arrest can entail. What his work revealed is a simple but overlooked truth: life after incarceration is its own form of prison. Recently released individuals are faced with jobs that are off-limits, apartments that can't be occupied, and votes that can't be cast. Belonging is one of our basic human needs and with citizenship restrictions after incarceration, it is extremely difficult to belong again. I recommend the book.

Martha Bell, OPOP team member

In response to inquiries, individuals are invited to request a Pen Pal in Prison. If you would like to have a Pen Pal, or want more information about writing to someone in prison, contact Rosalie Doty at: wesrose@wavecable.com She will put you in contact with Alvin Shin of Underground Ministries. Alvin has good information about appropriate letter writing. Alvin has a list of names of individuals who will not be released from prison in the near future, and would appreciate corresponding with someone beyond prison walls.

Thank you for helping our team communicate with the church family.





The Session met in a hybrid meeting with members joining in-person at the Fellowship Hall and via Zoom on Monday, December 20th at 7 pm and the following actions were taken:

Received reports from Session members who attended the Lunch with Leaders events in November and December, welcoming in Peg Labiuk,

Jean Andreson, and Ray Gallinger into membership at FPCPA.

Approved that Iantha Frazer be employed as Finance Clerk as of January 1, 2022 with hourly compensation of \$15.00, as per the Job Description.

Approved sending a letter of thanks and congratulations along with a \$250 gift certificate to REI from the Session to Cory Schlosser-Hall as he ends his tenure as Executive Presbyter.

Approved motion to pay Tim

Brye \$350 for his time and equipment use to stream the Christmas Eve services.

Approved designating the Christmas Eve offering to go to Presbytery Disaster Association to assist with recent damage from tornadoes in the mid-west.

Approved both the Budget and Capital Project Budget for 2022.

Approved holding the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 6th, 2022 at 12:15 pm.

November Financial Report

Year-to-Date Income: \$331,431
2021 Budgeted Income: \$351,952

Year-to-Date Expenses: \$302,841
2021 Budgeted Expenses: \$370,121

Capital spending year-to-date: \$ 49,961
2021 Capital Spending Budget: \$ 75,357

Treasurer: finance@fpcpa.org



Annual Meeting
February 6, 2022 @ 12:15pm

Join us for our
Annual Congregational Meeting.

Annual Report Articles are Due

Please send a digital copy of your article to the office at office@fpcpa.org

no later than,

January 10, 2022

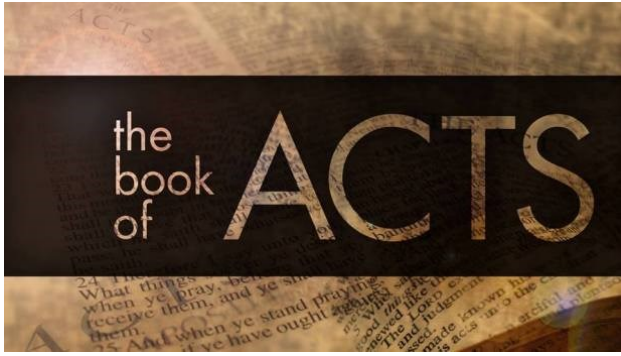
The Annual Report will be completed and available on January 23

Thank you!





CHRISTIAN FORMATION



The Message of Acts is for You in 2022!

Join us by Zoom on Wednesday evenings at 7pm.

First class will be January 5; bring your bible and read the first chapters of Acts.

As the book of *Acts* opens, the risen Jesus promises his disciples; "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." *Acts* is a history of that turning point and the birth of the church. Our study will explore some of the events following the resurrection and how the church became a church for everyone, not just Jews. The day the Holy Spirit comes on them, Peter tells them; "For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

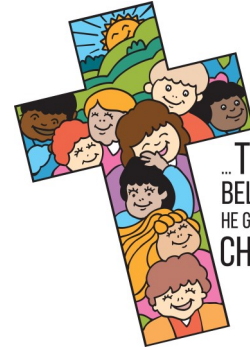


Children's Sunday School In-person!

Sunday, January 9 at 9:45

Large room upstairs

Masks will be required for all children and leaders.

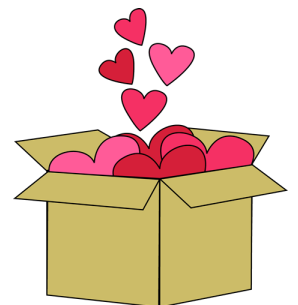


... TO THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME, HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF GOD.

JOHN 1:12, NIV

Valentine Boxes

I know Christmas is just over, but it is really not too soon to think about Valentine's day! It has become a tradition on our church's part to send special Valentine's care packages to those from our church that are either away at college or in the military. Valentine's Day is the perfect time to let them know that their church family is thinking about them. Things that could be included in the packages, can vary as your imagination allows. It can include candy - either homemade or bought, as well as cookies, etc. It can include many snack items, popcorn, chips, crackers, coffee, tea, coffee gift cards, etc. Maybe a pack of cards or a small game, stamps, pens, paper... The list could go on and on. There will be a collection box in the fellowship hall to drop off items in. The week before Valentine's Day it will be collected and split into the different mailings. There usually are around ten boxes that get sent out. So start thinking about how you can contribute today!



Pam Carnahan

Book Club: *The Soul of An Octopus, A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness*

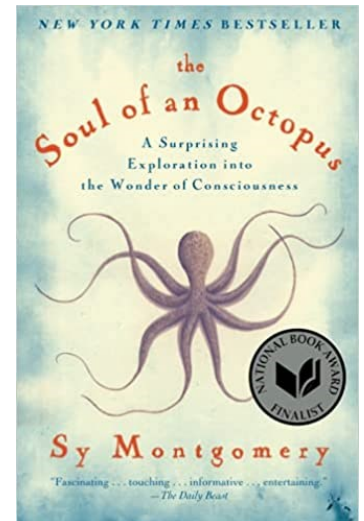
Thursday, January 20, at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

We're reading and discussing *The Soul of An Octopus, A Surprising Exploration into the Wonder of Consciousness* by Sy Montgomery. This National Book Award Finalist was a NY Times Bestseller. "By turns funny, entertaining, touching, and profound, (it) reveals what octopuses can teach us about the meeting of two very different minds." To borrow a book, contact Susan Fisher or Dorita Reed, or call the office.

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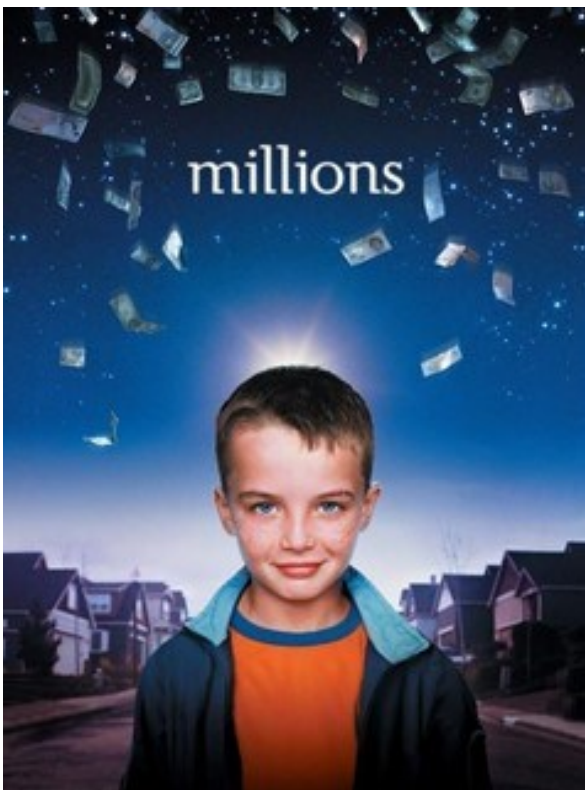
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Reel Reflections: *Millions*

Thursday, January 20 - Movie at 6:30 pm*/Discussion at 8:30 pm, via Zoom



When 9-year-old Damian (Alex Etel) finds a bag of money in his back yard, he and his brother Anthony (Lewis Owen McGibbon) decide to try to spend it without telling their father (James Nesbitt). Seeking advice from the imaginary saints with whom he converses, Damian struggles with his own morality, and attempts to spend his money in a more altruistic way. News of the mysterious loot inevitably attracts attention, however, and Damian is faced with an increasingly hairy situation. (Source: Fox Searchlight)

In January, Reel Reflections screens *Millions* a delightful story about family, loss, faith, and charity. In the story, we follow the Cunningham brothers who must decide what to do with a bag of cash they've found. What would you do? Would you turn it in, spend it on yourself, or use it to help others? Who would you turn to for guidance? We will explore these questions and more at our next Reel Reflections.

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***Note: we will stream the movie via Zoom at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the church office if you would like help testing your Zoom connection. You may also watch the movie on your own and then join us for the discussion at approximately 8:30 p.m.**

PA Food Bank Helpers

A small group of us from FPCPA plan to be at the PA Food Bank the second Thursday each month, 10:00 am, for about an hour of united effort. We invite others to join us! Please contact Susan Fisher or Barb Pappas about the application the Food Bank requires and to be identified as part of our group. You do not have to attend each month, but you need to be cleared in advance.

In our December effort, five of us packed a couple dozen Ziplocs with dry dog food, then 91 food bags for humans!

This is a great group effort and we invite you to consider joining us.



Barbara Pappas & Andrea Fry



Ardith Hansel



Susan Fisher & Ruth Brown

Mac & Cheese Casserole

submitted by Dona Hair

Preheat oven 350 degrees

- 1 can whole kernel corn, do not drain
- 1 can creamed corn
- 1 cup macaroni, uncooked
- 1/2 cup butter, cut into pieces
- 8 oz. Velveeta, cut into cubes

Mix all ingredients together. Put it into a prepared medium casserole dish.

Bake 30 minutes, covered. Remove from oven & stir well. Return to oven & bake 30 minutes more.

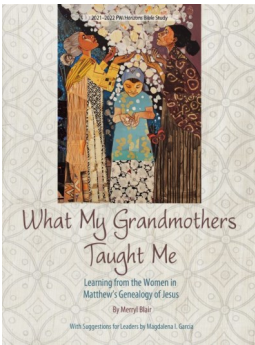
Variations: Add 2 cups frozen whole kernel corn in place of canned kernel corn.

If doubling use 1/2 cup chicken broth & 1/2 cup butter as cuts amount of fat & keeps sauce from being too greasy.

To make a more completed meal mix in 1 cup diced ham, cooked chicken or turkey.



Naomi Circle



Naomi Circle meets on the Second Monday of the month at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We have chosen the Horizon study of *What My Grandmothers Taught Me, Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus* by

Merryl Blair. Check it out in Matthew 1.

All women in the church are invited to join us.

Please let Beverly Brown, 360-457-8205, know if you are interested or need more information.

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on the third



Thursday of the month at noon at Margaret Whetstine's, 337 E. Ahlvers Road, PA.

Contact Betty Wilkerson for more

information, 360-461-6090.





**HIGHLIGHTS
ARTICLES ARE
DUE**

**The week of
January 17**

Share the gift of warmth!

Thank you so much for your generosity!!! The big, beautiful collection box is in the Fellowship Hall. Please donate **new and gently used Coats, Scarves, Gloves, Sweaters, Blankets, and (new only) Socks.** *We have also had a request for new Men's underwear.*



2021 Christmas Basket Grocery Gift Cards Update

Thanks to your generosity nearly \$6,000 (\$5,920) was donated to purchase grocery gift cards for families suggested by each of the five grade schools and Stevens Middle School plus families suggested by members of the congregation. In total 58 gift cards were given with a value of \$6,975. (The extra funds will come from the church's budget for 2021). The recipient schools and the families were extremely grateful for our church's generosity! A huge *Thank You* to all who donated, prayed and helped with the card delivery!

Thanks be to God!

Rosalyn Taylor, Coordinator





Please welcome our new members when you see them.

- ♥ Carrie Heins
- ♥ Pat Davies
- ♥ Reed & Jennie Wendel
- ♥ Ray & Cindy Gallinger
- ♥ Carol Clark
- ♥ Peg Labiuk
- ♥ Jean Andreson
- ♥ Jeff & Laurie Lightfoot



*Look for more information about our new members in the February Highlights.



Cookie Bakers Arise!!!




We have been given permission to again provide cookies to our wonderful grade schools. We now need our famous and incredibly popular cookie bakers to once again provide freshly baked cookies to our grade schools. We will officially begin in January.



To make sign up easier, I am asking everyone to call me to sign up for your week. I will work with each of you to get the dates and schools you would like to bake for. I took cookies out recently and the positive response was overwhelming!

Thanks again for your support of our schools!

Sheri Stutesman, 360-452-6139

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
2 Communion 8:30 & 11:00 In-person Worship	3	4 8 am Fish Co - Zoom 1:30 pm Community Life 6:45 pm Praise Team	5 7 pm Acts Study - Zoom	6 3pm M & O—Zoom 7pm W & M	7	8
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- 1 Ross & Vee Canning
Rob & Lucy Edwards
Isaac Mayo
- 2 Cynthia Isenberger
- 3 Lucy Edwards
Stan Hair

- 4 Bill Streur
- 5 Jim Buckmaster
Sandy Cates
- 6 Hal Force
- 7 Martha Hurd
- 10 Elliott Monaghan
- 11 Ben Clemens
Tom & Lesley McCulloch
- 12 Jack Wise & Mary Ann Smith
- 13 Randy Schuchardt
- 14 Brenda Lovik
- 15 Mark Wendt

- 17 Rainy Birch
- 18 Tony & Mary Peterson
- 19 Sandy Schultz
- 20 Chuck Anderson
Martha Bell
Rita Frick
- 23 Rob Edwards
- 24 Bernadette Partyka
Henry Wendel
- 26 Sheri Stutesman
- 27 Arie Paul

Kids' Page



A measure of love

Jesus says one golden rule sums up the law.

Directions: Match the word parts from the ruler to the incomplete words in the first three Bible verses. Then add the bolded letters (in order) to Matthew 7:12 to complete that verse.

Do not seek **re**_____ or bear a grudge against anyone among your _____ople, but **love** your **neig**_____ as yourself.

LEVITICUS 19:18, NIV

Learn to do **right**; seek jus_____. Defend the _____pressed. Take up the cause of the _____less; plead the _____e of the widow.

ISAIAH 1:17, NIV

He has shown **you**, O mortal, what is go____. ... To act **justly** and to **love** me____ and to walk _____ly with your God.

MICAH 6:8, NIV

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So in _____ything, do to ot _____ what you would _____ve them
d _____ to you, for this s _____ms up the _____w and the Proph _____s.

MATTHEW 7:12, NIV

Golden GIVING

Live out Jesus' golden rule by preparing gift bags for people in need.



What you need:

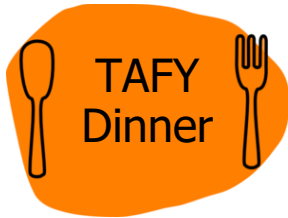
- Gallon-size zip bags
- New socks
- Hand warmers
- Bus fare or tokens
- Bottled water
- Nonperishable food
- Toiletries and first-aid items
- Paper and markers

What you do:

1. Gather supplies, using the ideas above. Fill bags to make care packages.
2. Write notes or draw pictures for recipients, placing one in each bag.
3. Zip bags and keep them in a vehicle to distribute. Or deliver them right away to people in need (or to sick or homebound people, nursing home residents, a homeless shelter and so on).
4. Pray that God will use your gifts to help and encourage each recipient.

Answer: revenge, people, neighbor, justice, oppressed, fatherless, case, good, mercy, humbly, everything, others, have, do, sums, Law, Prophets

TAFY Dinner February 5 @ 3:45pm



We are responsible for a dinner for the TAFY Youth Center on **February 5**. If you could provide a portion of a meal - a hot dish, salad, side

dish, beverage or dessert - please contact Marcia Logan @ 360-452-3535. Marcia will arrange delivery with you.

Thank you for helping to continue this ministry.

Online Payment of Tithes & Offerings...

Reminder: Our online giving option is through the Presbyterian Foundation.

[Click on this link.](https://www.giveonline.org) Or go to [fpcpa.org](https://www.fpcpa.org).

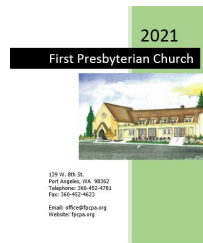


Worship Service Recordings

Please let the church office know if you would like an audio CD of the online church services. We want to make worship available to all.

Directories Available

Please let us know if you would like a printed copy.



Office Hours

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Office Hours
Monday - Thursday, 10 am - 3 pm
Closed for lunch from 1 - 2 pm.
Closed on Friday.

The office is behind the church building off the alley and is handicapped accessible.



Devotionals Available

These Days and *Upper Room* are available on the table outside the office.



Find us at [fpcpa.org](https://www.fpcpa.org)

360-452-4781

office@fpcpa.org

The First Presbyterian Church of Port Angeles is a community of people of all ages who believe in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and who seek to follow His teachings. We come together to worship God, to grow in our love and support for each other, and to learn about God's will for our lives. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we go out to the community and the world to share our faith and to serve others.