Events & Announcements



Stump the Pastor!

Sunday, September 3, 9:00 & 10:30 am Got a burning question? Ask away! On Sept. 3rd, Pastor Ric will attempt to answer your questions in the worship service! Nothing is off-limits (but stuff about religion, God, Bible, etc. would be appreciated!). Email questions to ric@faithunited.org



Fall Potluck and Pet Blessings

Sunday, September 10, 12:00 pm, Beaver Lake Park Join us after worship for a Potluck Picnic and Pet Blessings! Grab your favorite pet and head to the pavilion near the ball fields at Beaver Lake Park. We'll eat, play, and bless together! Email hello@faithunited.org to volunteer.



GriefShare Support Group

Sundays, September 17 - December 10, 3:00 - 4:30 pm GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Email hello@faithunited.org for more information. You are not alone.



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give online and/or fill out a pledge form. Thank you for your generosity. It's through your gifts that we continue to be an effective community of Christ for our neiahbors!

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Paul's other letter to the church in Corinth July & August 2023



August 20th, 2023

Creating a community where people connect with Christ and Partner with God in making things right.

Gather Our Hearts

| If You Wanna Be a Hero! | VBS Kids! |
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| Welcome & Introduction | Rev. Ric Shewell |
| *Call to Worship from Psalm 133 $^{\scriptscriptstyle \dagger}$ | John Hand / Lynda Smith |
| *Opening Prayer John Hand / Lynda Smith *Spirit of Promise (Dr. Olive Wyon, 20th c. British author) [†] | |
| *This Little Light of Mine (UMH #585) † | Music Team |

Today's Music Team: Emily Cowgill, Robert Brawn, Dan McLachlan, Greg Rolette, and Harrison Walters

* Indicates to stand in body or spirit.

⁺ Words will be on the screen.



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Inspire Our Minds

Readers: Denise Cronin-Hanson (9 am), Heather Young (10:30 am)

Prayer for Illumination

1st Reading: 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 (CEB) $^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$

What Does the Lord Require (Strathdee) ⁺

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:7-14 (CEB) $^{\scriptscriptstyle +}$

Children's Time: Beat Like Yours (during 2nd service) VBS Kids! After Children's Time, children in 5th grade and younger are invited to a lesson and activity with Abby in the choir room, returning at offering.

"Churches Need Churches"

Rev. Ric Shewell

Music Team

Form Our Desires

| Prayers of the People ⁺ | Rev. Ric Shewell |
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| The Lord's Prayer ⁺ | |
| Introduction to Offering | John Hand / Lynda Smith |
| What Gift Can We Bring (UMH #87) ⁺ | Music Team |
| *Doxology (UMH #94) † | Music Team |
| *Prayer of Thanksgiving | John Hand / Lynda Smith |

Move us to Love

| Invitation to Communion | Rev. Ric Shewell |
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| The Great Thanksgiving Prayer ⁺ | |
| Instructions for Sharing the Sacrament | |
| See How Good It Is (McCracken) ⁺ | Music Team |
| Announcements | Rev. Ric Shewell |
| *Benediction | Rev. Ric Shewell |
| *Take to the World (Webb/Tate) ⁺ | Music Team |

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Message Notes

Paul's rules for giving:

1. Know the _____

for the saints in Jerusalem (1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:4)

At Faith UMC, **23-24 budget: \$641k** (22-23 budget: \$737k) 3% to Global Connection (United Methodist Church) -World Service, Education, Leadership, Ecumenism 10% to Local Connection (PNW UMC) -Shared Ministries, Camps, Education, Support 87% to Local Church (Faith UMC) -Staff, Facilities, Programs.

To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

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2. Learn giving from others.

the Macedonians gave out of their poverty (2 Cor. 8:1-4)

- At Faith, **23-24 pledges: 64** @ **\$389k** (22-23 pledges: 67 @ \$392k) Estimated non-pledge giving: **\$144k** Estimated other revenue: **\$27k** Estimated net: **(\$83k)**
- **3. Give in _______ to what you've received.** God has provided every grace (2 Cor. 9:8)

View every "earning" as a gift from God.

4. _____ the rules for Love. Christ and the widow (Mark 12) held nothing back. (2 Cor. 8:9)

Genuine generosity, blesses both parties and changes the world.

Action steps:

- Increase your giving and pledge. (≈\$50/mo per giver to balance budget)
- Attend worship when you're healthy and in town. (attendance was up 78% in July and 48% in August so far)
- Invite friends to church.