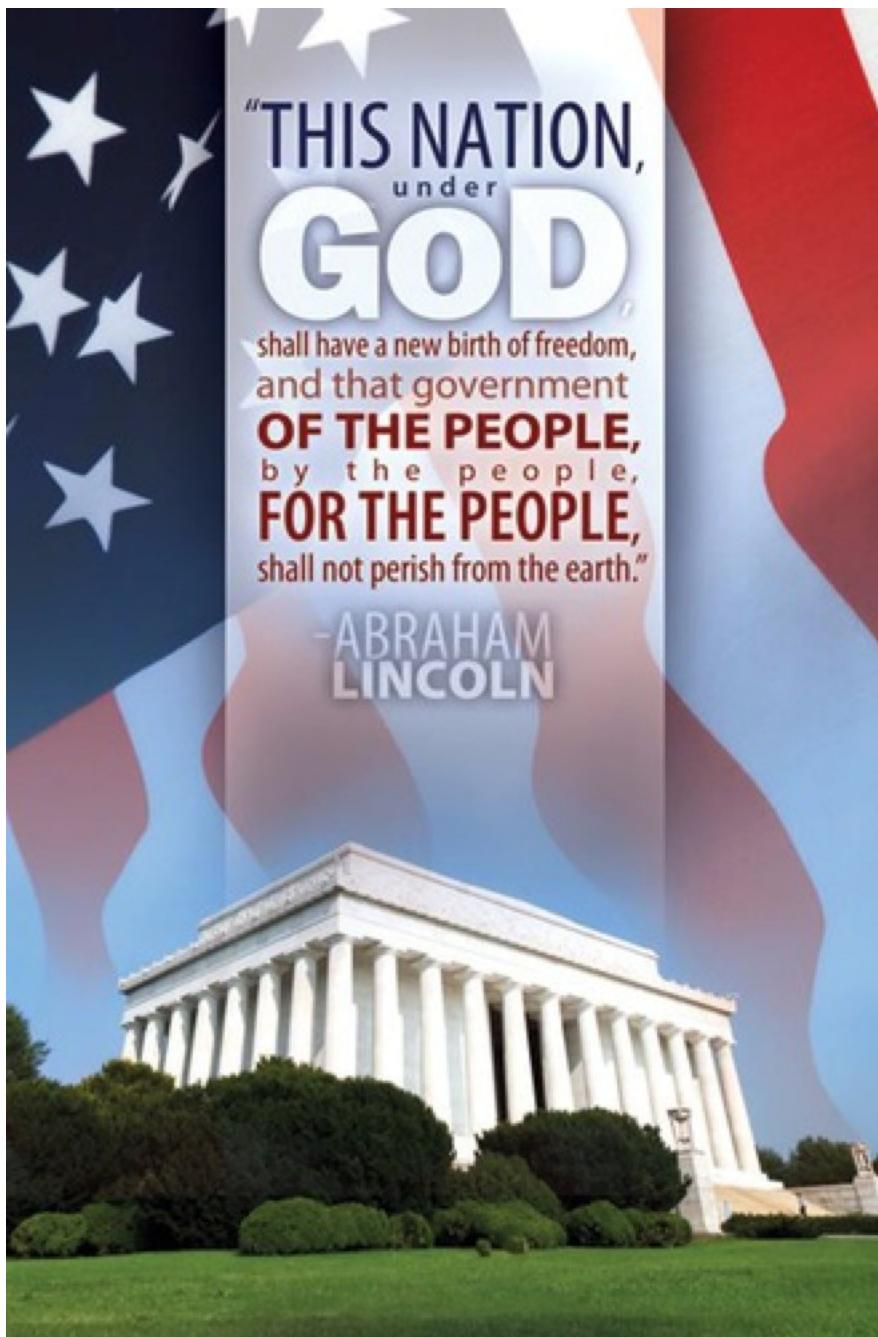




First Presbyterian Church of Everett

# The Carillon

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**The Carillon**  
**July/August 2022**

**Sunday In-person & Virtual Worship Schedule:**

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Worship  
11:00 am - Fellowship  
12:00 pm - Adult Sunday School

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**W O R S H I P**

**F I R S T  
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*God's beacon on the hill, radiating Christ's  
love in worship, growth and service.*

If you are unable to attend in-person worship, we invite you to join us for an interactive virtual Sunday worship service, Sundays at 10:00am on the church's Facebook page. Just be on our Facebook page at 10:00am and wait for the live video to start. If you have not had an opportunity to like or follow us on Facebook, you can do so by visiting <https://www.facebook.com/FirstPresbyterianChurchofEverett/>

You can hear and/or view previous worship services and find worship guides on our mobile app or by visiting our website at <https://firstpreschurch.com/sermons>

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Worship guides are posted on our website and mobile app, the Friday before worship.

## **Welcoming Back Rev. Dr. Bob Nicholson—as our guest minister, preacher, presider at the Lord's Table: July 3, 10, and 17**

Longtime friend of our congregation, Rev. Dr. Bob Nicholson, will be joining us in July, to lead us in celebration of the roots of freedom as we celebrate the 246th anniversary of our beloved nation.

At no time in our history is it more urgent in our faith and in our nation, to connect with our roots of freedom.

Get ready to celebrate, sing, listen, learn, worship, and have your faith renewed and deepened. Join Rev. Dr. Bob Nicholson for Sunday worship here at FPCE on July 3, 10, and 17. Be a part of a creative, moving, historic, and musical journey to a new appreciation of what “freedom” means in our faith and land.



In this journey, songs, stories, prayers, scriptures, sacrament, and sermons will bring freedom to life, as together, we explore its roots through music, hymnody, sermon, and sacrament.

You can expect an experience presented with energy, imagination, practical language, inspirational music and the lift of humor in a service that moves right along!

### **From the Gettysburg Address:**

Remember me in all you do,  
For I'm alive! I walk with you.  
I was, I am, and I shall be.  
O church I love, remember me.

Our God, we hear! We're called and freed!  
Your Spirit gives us memory.  
Now send us out that we may share  
Your love's great story everywhere.

Rev. Dr. Bob Nicholson recently returned from a month-long journey to New Mexico where he was a guest minister/preacher in four different congregations. He led a mission tour to historic Presbyterian mission points in northern New Mexico and made a presentation to the Belen New Mexico Rotary on the history of the Presbyterian Church in New Mexico in education, health, and community development.

## New Adult Sunday School Class Begins July 10

Starting Sunday, July 10, we will embark on a new Adult Sunday School Class at FPCE, based on the Teaching Company lecture series, *The Dead Sea Scrolls*. This class is a deep dive into one of the most significant discoveries ever in Biblical archeology.

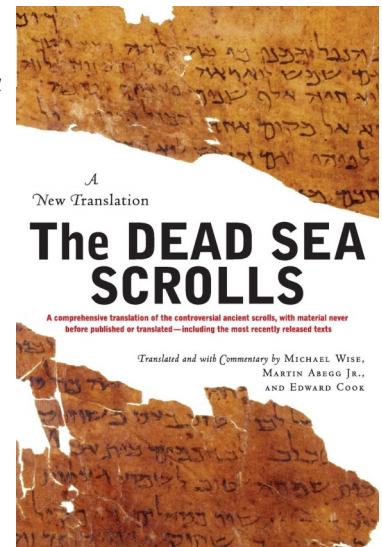
The Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered beginning in 1947, near the site of Qumran, an ancient Jewish religious community on the northwest shore of the Dead Sea. The Qumran community was active from the 2<sup>nd</sup> century BC into the 1<sup>st</sup> century AD, until about the time of the destruction of the second temple in Jerusalem by the Romans in 70 AD. The Qumran community was deeply pious and steeped in scripture and other religious literature, much of which was preserved in caves in the cliffs above Qumran.

These are the oldest known copies of most of the books of the Hebrew Bible, our Old Testament. The Dead Sea Scrolls also include many ancient Jewish writings that were previously unknown. The Dead Sea Scrolls are a window into the life of a particular Jewish sect, the Essenes, about which very little was known before the discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls. Particularly exciting for Christians is that the Qumran community was active and thriving in the same period that saw the birth of Christianity.

There are many similarities in thought and piety between the Qumran community and the early church, as well some marked differences (the Qumran community were not followers of Jesus).

The Dead Sea Scrolls are also a window into the variety of Jewish beliefs and practices that were present during Jesus' ministry on earth. Just as we found in our recent course on "lost Christianities," there were many varieties of Jewish thought, belief, and practice at the time of the early church, most of which have faded in influence, if not disappeared.

The Professor for *The Dead Sea Scrolls*, Dr. Gary Rendsburg, is a leader in Dead Sea Scrolls scholarship. He has an obvious love and passion for his subject, which adds greatly to the enjoyability of the course. I can think of no better way, barring becoming a scholar of ancient Hebrew, to gain a deep knowledge and understanding of the Jewish roots of Christianity than to participate in this class. As with all the Teaching Company courses, there is no requirement for preparation for the classes, and you can drop in on any lecture at any time you are able and still gain precious knowledge and insights.



## **Men's Breakfast**

After more than a two-year hiatus, the FPCE Men's Breakfast is back.

A great group of 15 gathered on June 11 to fellowship and plan future gathering for the group. It was decided that Men's Breakfasts will be held in July and August and will continue in the fall too. The Men's Breakfast will continue to meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 8:30 - 10 a.m.

The Men's Breakfast is a time of fellowship and Bible study, not to mention breaking of bread. We hope to see all FPCE men at the upcoming meetings.



## **Special Dates:**

Canada Day, July 1, 2022

U.S. Independence Day, July 4, 2022

## Library Update - Summer 2022

**Read. Pray. Love.** In June we featured a variety of Bible translations to support the **Read** portion of our stewardship theme. Now for suggested summer reading, we turn to the second term in our yearlong stewardship theme: **Pray**. Our church library, available for self-service any time the building is open, offers a rich trove of books to enrich your prayer life. A sample of titles is displayed in the main library by the church office. The children's library on the third floor has titles geared to the needs of our younger readers.

Here are some possibilities:

They Cried to the Lord	Patrick Miller	248.3 Mil
Primary Speech: A Psychology of Prayer	Ann & Barry Ulanov	248.3 Ula
Prophetic Intercession: Letting God Lead Your Prayers	Barbara Wentroble	243 Wen
Dialogues with Silence: Prayers and Drawings	Thomas Merton	242.802 Mer
Adventures in Prayer	Catherine Marshall	248.3 Mar
Praying for Friends and Enemies: Intercessory Prayer	Jane E. Vennard	248.3 Ven
Worldwide Journeys in Prayer: 101 Stories...	Wentworth Pike	248.32 Pik
Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?	Philip Yancey	248.3 Yan
Prayer-Walking: Praying On Site with Insight	Steven C. Hawthorne	269.2 Haw
Illuminated Prayers	Marianne Williamson	291.433 Wil
Sometimes It's Hard to Love God	Dennis Guernsey	242.722 Gue
When God Doesn't Answer Your Prayer	Jerry Sittser	249.3 Sit

For help in locating these or other titles on prayer - or any other topic of your choice - please contact me by phone or email.

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*Thank you, thank you, thank you! I want to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and wonderful cards during my surgery and recovery. It was so encouraging to feel the nearness of the church family. I was truly blessed to have all of those prayers and uplifting words. I can honestly say, God and you were all with me, all the way. Please accept my humble appreciation for all of the concern that was sent to me.*

*Sincerely,*

*Sonya Beardsley*

## **Fourth Monday Book Group - Summer 2022**

The Zoom platform we currently use for monthly book group discussions allows us to reach beyond our geographic boundaries, cross state lines, and avoid parking challenges. It also brings challenges. We welcome your creative suggestions regarding how to enjoy the best of all worlds.

Coming attractions listed below include the previously announced July and August titles plus a promising newly chosen book for September. Our commitment to variety and quality continues. Although there are no book sets for any of these upcoming titles, we hope that a combination of planning, sharing, and borrowing from libraries will fill your needs.

**July 25      *Seashell Season***      Holly Chamberlin      Leader - TBA

In this novel, a mother and teenage daughter struggle to forge a relationship severed sixteen years ago when the child was kidnapped in infancy. Local residents of a Maine tourist town offer aid as the abruptly reunited family deals with issues of nature and nurture, memory and forgiveness, choices of food and clothing. The roles of art, humor, and the ocean itself enliven this story.

**August 22      *The Last Bookshop in London***      Madeline Martin      Leader - Carole Dagg

During the Blitz in London, Grace's adult read-aloud sessions in the bookshop or in the sheltering subways help to distract residents from the destruction and danger around them. Since Grace is also a part-time volunteer warden, the author also describes routines and responsibilities of those who braved the bombings to guide others to safety, put out small fires, report unexploded bombs, and keep track of who lived in each building. Without flinching from wartime effects, the story is ultimately optimistic. Historical fiction.

**September 26      *The Seed Keeper***      Diane Wilson      Leader - TBA

Rooted in history, botany, and the lives of Indigenous women, this novel adds a new dimension to our year's reading. From the back cover: "With compelling characters and images... *The Seed Keeper* invokes the strength that women, land, and plants have shared with one another through the generations." Linda LeGarde Grover adds: "A gracefully told story of continuity through seeds saved and nurtured by Dakota women, *The Seed Keeper* is lush and sustaining - a read that feeds heart and spirit in the same way as do the gardens that are their legacy."

To take part in book group discussions, sign in via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time on the dates listed above. Watch your email for the Zoom link. New participants are always welcome.

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**Priscilla Circle:** After a summer hiatus, Priscilla Circle will start up this fall on Monday, September 12, at 11:30 a.m., in Calvin Lounge. The study book has yet to be determined. All women are welcome to attend.

## KNEAD ME LORD

Knead me Lord with your loving hands  
Knead me and shape me to become more like you  
Knead me with the crises and problems of life.  
Yes, even the crises that hurt – illness and sorrow  
The loss of loved ones and cherished friends,  
colleagues who have served with me in many times  
and many places in many settings.  
Knead me with a thoroughness that touches every  
recess of my life.

Without Your kneading, I cannot rise to the  
fullness of life and the fulfillment of my calling.

Let the yeast of Your Spirit work in my life to raise  
it from dullness and flatness.  
Push and pound me in the dough-board of life until  
I reach the form that pleases you.  
(I remember Philippians 2:7, “the form of a  
servant”)

Give me periods of rest, O Lord, in the warmth of  
Your presences so that I may feel the life within me  
and rise to become ready for the purpose  
You have for me.

Knead me, Lord, for I need to be kneaded.  
Amen

## Mission Committee Update: Yucatan Helping Hands



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Hola!

Your Mission Committee continues to meet monthly to engage in conversation about how best to represent FPCE in serving our community and world.

In May, we were joined by Darcie Cooper who filled us in on the latest happenings with our mission partners, Byron, Inez, and Kawika Ahina in Yucatan, Mexico. We are excited to share that the Ahinas will be joining us for worship on July 24.

As you may recall, our planned mission trip to work with the Ahinas in Mexico in 2020 was put on hold due to COVID. However, the Mission Committee has reconfirmed our support for a potential future trip as well as our continued ongoing support for the Ahinas' mission organization, Yucatan Helping Hands.

If you would like to learn more about their work or subscribe to their newsletter, you can visit their website at [www.yucatanhelpinghands.org](http://www.yucatanhelpinghands.org).

## **A Letter from Ryan and Alethia White, our PCUSA mission co-workers that we are supporting serving in the Iranian Presbyterian Church in Berlin—Spring 2022**

Dear friends,

Spring has been a little late in coming to Berlin this year, but at the writing of this letter, the trees have blossomed, flowers have bloomed, and there is hope the current pleasant weather will stay and continue to warm.

In the astrological calendar, Spring begins on the Equinox, around the 21st of March every year. This is also the date that many cultural groups celebrate Norouz, or what is commonly called “The Persian New Year.” Though the celebration is not exclusive to Persian culture, the meaning and traditions are often traced to the early Persian religion of Zoroastrianism. Themes of light conquering darkness and hope for the upcoming year are associated with symbols of new life and desires for health and well-being.

And so, this year, we had a small gathering in the church garden for one of the celebrations that take place on the last Tuesday night before Norouz, Chaharshanbe Suri.

Charharshanbe Suri has been one of our favorite festivals to celebrate together as it uses the symbol of fire to represent preparing for the new year. People will jump over a series of small fires, reciting a phrase, asking the bad things of the previous year be burned away and that the light and strength of the flames be taken into the new year.

As we sat around a larger fire later in the evening, an older mother played a beat on an improvised drum leading the group in singing songs and improvising lyrics, I could feel the sacredness of gathering together and being present with one another to celebrate and remember the rhythms in our lives.

And yet, despite the Easter celebrations of resurrection and new life, other churches are wrestling with decreased involvement and asking what life looks like for local congregations post-COVID. Many people still have great fears of what could happen, and others are mourning the loss of loved ones or a change in health, making it problematic to return to large gatherings.

The war in Ukraine has also challenged ideas of peace and security in Europe and reminded us all that there are many situations where Good Friday and the crucifixion of Jesus accurately represent our current reality. As PC (USA) partners respond to the needs of those who have left their homes, we hear stories of tremendous hospitality shown to strangers. The love of God is being expressed through acts of compassion and solidarity. Although immediate needs are being addressed, questions remain about longer-term needs. How long those who have fled Ukraine will need refuge is still unclear.

One man in our church asked for prayers recently for himself and his family, who he has not seen in over four years. Like many others in our congregation, he is waiting for a court hearing to decide his case and his future. He has been faithfully involved in our community and found strength and peace in the gospel message, but life remains challenging for him and his wife, who remains in Iran with their two young children.....

On behalf of the community here in Berlin, we thank you for the prayers and support you offer. These foundations sustain our ministry and connect us with one another. May you also join us as we seek to live into the reality that Jesus taught and showed to those who followed him as the way of life.

Ryan and Alethia

## Facilities Committee News

The church is considering a site that was previously dedicated to silent contemplation but over the years, has become unused and unpurposed.

A labyrinth in this location would rejuvenate and reactivate the original site.

Additional benefits for the church include lower maintenance, improved safety and appearance, and use of a multifunctional surface for church and preschool purposes.



A labyrinth is a single, winding pattern of pathways that weave a circular path around a central point, slowing the traveler's thoughts while moving toward the center.

An ancient symbol of wholeness, the image of the circle/spiral combine for a meandering, but purposeful, journey.

Labyrinths are also considered to be a walking meditation. This encourages insight self-reflection and is excellent for stress reduction, enhanced creativity, and recovering a sense of balance in life.

**Save the Date:** The annual all-church picnic will be held after worship on Sunday, Aug. 28 at Hauge Homestead Park Picnic Shelter, located just off 19th Ave. at Silver Lake, between Emory's on Silver Lake and the Silver Lake branch of The Everett Clinic. More to come!



## JULY & AUGUST CELEBRATIONS!



The First Presbyterian Church of Everett sends greetings to all of our members and friends celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this month.

Join us in wishing the following members a happy birthday and/or happy anniversary (if you are a **member or friend** whose name is not listed, please contact Doreen in the church office to update your record, so that we can include you in the future celebration listings):

### Anniversaries:

#### JULY:

7/9 Jay & Julie Kuhnhen  
7/23 Peter & Sharon Danitschek  
7/24 Bill & Mary Grosse  
7/27 George & Mary Tonn  
7/30 Chris & Michole Mattix

#### AUGUST:

8/8 Joshua & Teresa Miniken  
8/11 Howard Garner & Rosemary Rheinheimer  
8/11 Clyde & Judy Pitcher  
8/16 Ed & Doris Pearson  
8/17 Kurt & Kathy Shubert  
8/28 Bill & Jean Messner

### Birthdays:

#### JULY:

7/1 David Baer-Peckham  
7/4 Diane Preston  
7/4 Emma Scoringe  
7/5 Lois Tysseling  
7/6 Steve Hammond  
7/7 Vicky Ahmann  
7/8 Cindy Striker  
7/11 Martha Clemans  
7/12 Rosemary Rheinheimer

#### JULY:

7/24 Shirley Solberg  
7/26 Teresa Good  
7/28 Jim Roosma  
7/28 Alec Sutin  
7/29 Marilyn Nalbach  
7/30 Veronica Bacon  
7/30 Laura Little  
7/31 Bill Grosse  
7/31 Jan Hughes

#### JULY:

8/21 Mary Ann Chavis  
8/21 June Wennick  
8/23 Eunice Allan  
8/23 Marcia Burnham  
8/23 Patricia Erickson  
8/23 Chris Mattix  
8/24 George Tonn  
8/25 Barbara Johnson  
8/26 Howard Garner  
8/30 Randy Roberts

#### AUGUST:

8/9 Ainslee Mattix  
8/9 Kaye Muller  
8/12 Kenzie Kermoade  
8/14 Annette King  
8/15 Katherine Campbell  
8/16 Jean Rankin

## **E-Newsletter Submission Deadline**

**\*Update: We are consolidating our 2nd and 4th Monday e-newsletter into one mid month e-newsletter, sent on the second or third Monday. We'd love for you to share any news and updates for your church group.**

If you have information you would like included in the mid-month e-newsletter, please send that information to:

[sondra@firstpreschurch.com](mailto:sondra@firstpreschurch.com) by the following deadline:

**August 4, 2022**

**Carillon:** If you have information you would like included in the upcoming edition of The Carillon, please e-mail your submission to [sondra@firstpreschurch.com](mailto:sondra@firstpreschurch.com) by the deadline noted below. The Carillon is distributed on the last Sunday of the month. Upcoming deadline:

**August 14, 2022**

**ALL SUBMISSIONS DUE BY  
5:00PM ON DUE DATE.**

## **A Prayer of Thanks for Our Deacons from Pastor Bob Nicholson**

O God, source of our life and strength, thanks be to you for these our dedicated, caring, imaginative deacons.

May your Holy Spirit fill them continually with your love, and compassion.

Equip them as they serve to do so well with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love.

Our prayers are not only for these deacons, but for all of your people in this beloved congregation and community of Everett, that you would fill us anew with your Holy Spirit so that we will be that nourishing presence, that people of promise that bring hope and healing to all.

We pray in the name of the one who came among us, not to be served but to serve. The One we meet and see in the breaking of bread and taking the cup in Holy Communion.

Amen



# CARING FOR OUR EARTH (It's easy being green!)

From the Estuary Angels



***Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Remove, Refuse, Repair***

## The Cotton Tote Problem

How many cotton tote bags do you have? Your Estuary Angels writer has at least 20, including a beautiful green FPCE bag we designed for members years ago. I carry things in some and store things in some, but others sit empty.

Reusable cotton bags became popular as an alternative to one-use plastic bags, as well as to promote brands and businesses. Earth-friendly? They may have actually created a new problem. An organic cotton tote needs to be used 20,000 times to offset its overall impact of production, according to a 2018 study by the Ministry of Environment and Food of Denmark. That equates to 54 years of daily use for just one bag. And how to dispose of a tote in an environmentally way is not as simple as one might think. You can't just put it in a compost bin. If a tote makes it to a treatment plant, most dyes used to print logos on them are PVC-based and not recyclable. Printed patterns have to be cut out of the cloth. Then, turning old cloth into new is almost as energy-intensive as making it in the first place.

Some brands are turning to other textile solutions, such as hemp or recycled bottles. The best solution may be that not every product needs a bag. In the meantime, use the bags you have. Shop with them, carry stuff, store stuff, even use them as reusable gift wraps. *Source: The NY Times*

## Quick Hint

Instead of polluting the planet with confetti, hole-punch leaves. Fully biodegradable.

*Source: Be The Change 4 Earth*

## Special Days

July 3 is ***Plastic Bag Free Day***. July 15 is ***National Give Something Away Day***. July 26 is ***Int'l Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem***. July 28 is ***Earth Overshoot Day*** – the date when humanity's demand for ecological resources and services in a given year exceeds what Earth can regenerate in that year. Aug. 7 is ***Particularly Preposterous Packaging Day***. Aug. 12 is ***World Elephant Day***. Aug. 13 is ***National Garage Sale Day***. Aug. 15 is ***National Thrift Shop Day***. Aug. 17 is ***National Orangutan Day***. Aug. 20 is ***Int'l Homeless Animals Day***. Aug. 25 is ***National Park Service Day*** and ***Second-Hand Wardrobe Day***.

## Enjoy the Beauty Around Us

Love a tour of beautiful gardens? Here are two to enjoy:

July 16-17, 11-4 – MukilteoGardenandQuiltTour.org for more information.

July 17, 11-4 – EdmondsinBloom.com for more information.

*“For in the true nature of things, if we rightly consider, every green tree is far more glorious than if it were made of gold and silver.”*

*- Martin Luther King, Jr.*

## Thursday Bible Study

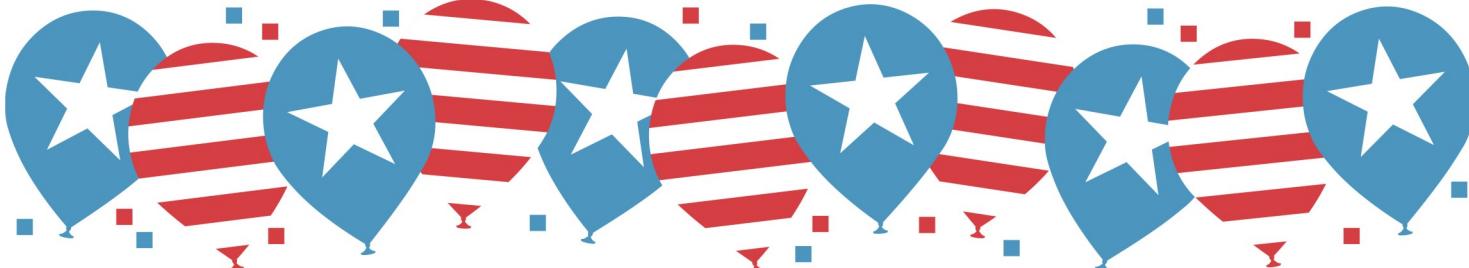
First Corinthians offers a challenging side trip in our journey of “making the road by walking.” In the spirit of Brian McLaren, our goal will be to act upon, not just learn about, the apostle Paul’s admonitions to the first century Christians in Corinth. Week by week we will consider the challenges faced - and created - by our forebears as we look for ways to translate Paul’s teaching into constructive action for our place and time. We will share our thoughts about one - occasionally two - chapters of this meaty epistle each week. Bookmark your favorite Bible at I Corinthians, read under the Spirit’s guidance, fire up your Zoom device, and prepare to add your insights each Thursday afternoon at 4:00 between June 9 and September 2.

### Questions to Ponder for each Chapter:

- What ideas inspired or puzzled you as you read?
- What is Paul asking the Corinthians to do?
- How is our situation like or different from theirs?
- What actions might our congregation or denomination take?
- What challenges or changes does this chapter suggest for you personally?

### Proposed Schedule

	DATE	CHAPTER	KEY CONCEPTS
June	9	1	Introduction. Divisions. Called to be Saints.
	16	2	Maturity. Spiritual Wisdom.
	23	3	Faith’s Foundation. Master builders.
	30	4	Judgment. Stewards of God’s mysteries. Arrogance.
July	7	5	Sexual Immorality.
	14	6, 7	Lawsuits. Marriage. Slavery.
	21	8, 9	Weakness / Strength. Rights of a Leader.
	28	10, 11	Lawful vs. Edifying. Hierarchy. Lord’s Supper.
August	5	12-14	Spiritual Gifts.
	12	12-14	Primacy of Love.
	19	12-14	Varieties of Gifts.
	26	15	Resurrection.
September	2	16	Monetary Gifts. Closing Guidance.



# *Church Leadership*

Moderator – Alan Dorway

## Ruling Elders

### **Class of 2022**

Marne Larson

Bill Grosse

John Gebert

### **Class of 2023**

Elizabeth Nelson

Debbie Roberts

Roy Yates

### **Class of 2024**

Steve Hammond

Jamie Hunter

Jan Weakley

## Deacons

### **Class of 2022**

Lisa Comstock

Bob Barren

Barbara Barren

### **Class of 2023**

Sonya Beardsley

Amy Farnham

Mike Davis

### **Class of 2024**

Susan Davis

Ed Pearson

Doris Pearson

