



The Messenger

Shelton Presbyterian Church

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OUTREACH MINISTRY

If you are interested in learning more about our church, please come to our next **Membership Class** following worship on Sunday, June 23. We provide lunch and afterwards a time with Pastor Jeff as he leads and answers questions. Contact person is: Terri Saylor, 360-490-5174 or terriandstevesaylor@yahoo.com

We are still providing **monthly meals for the homeless**, working with Community Lifeline Center. Feeding 60-70 people with Donna June as our coordinator is a wonderful ministry. A special thanks to Christine and Bob Appleyard, Betty and Gary Sarver, Steve and Terri Saylor, Leslie Burkhalter, Linda Ferguson and Julie Phelps for their help. Please mark Community Dinner on the Welcome card in your bulletin if you'd like to join us in serving the homeless in our town.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We've had a wonderful year sharing God's Word with children in **Sunday School**. Thank you to our dedicated teachers - Donna June, Kristi Holzgrove, Heidi Bursch, Kathy Burleson, Beth Gregg and Brittany Givens. On June 16 the older children will be receiving Bibles during the church service. *June 16 will also be our last day of Sunday School for the summer.* We will resume in September.

KID'S CAMP

Our theme this year is JESUS TAKES CARE OF US. Dates are as follows:

July 8 Set-up

July 9- 12 Kid's Camp (9am-1pm)

July 14 Kid's Camp Sunday and all church BBQ

Registration is now open!

Volunteers are in place for each children's groups, as well as, for small groups doing woodworking, cooking, crafts and games.

If you would like to volunteer, even for one day, please write on the Welcome card in your bulletin Kid's Camp or let Lyn Baker know what you're interested in helping with. Her phone is: 360 549-6012. -THANK YOU-

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Benjamin Watkins shared:

Favorite youth group snack:

Marcus's baked beans and Spicy Cup Noodles

How long he's been attending SPC/Youth Group: My whole life, 18 years

Activities enjoyed playing at youth group: I loved all the games, but my favorite thing is

playing basketball, also Gaga Ball

Funny memory from a youth event: I remember one time we were playing basketball on a retreat and someone tried to pass the ball to Marcus but the pass got blocked by Christian Lopez's head and it ended up going into the basket. It was even more funny because we counted that basket for our team.

What was an impacting moment on your faith and how: At one of the retreats during small group time everyone was focused on talking about our faith and our life struggles.

We all helped each other out and listened. It just made me realize that I was truly loved by the people around me, but also by God.

Who would you like to thank: Marcus, Jeff, and the whole church community

Favorite Bible verse or passage: I Corinthians 13:4-6

What are your future plans: Attending Gonzaga University to major in History and minor in Film studies. I am planning on becoming a History teacher.



HOSTS NEEDED FOR SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

We need hosts for this Summer's Youth Group on Wednesday evenings. This need is from July 10-August 21.

If you can help with this, and have a home/place for youth to enjoy water activities and/or other outdoor fun plus providing a meal, please contact our Youth Pastor, Marcus Clifton at 206 713-3334. You can also leave a message at the church office 360 432-8696. Or mark Youth Group host on your Welcome card in your Sunday bulletin.

Word from the Pastor

For the past six weeks I have been functioning without the use of my right arm. It's been in a sling as I recover from rotator cuff and bicep surgery. This week I will be able to start taking off my sling and moving my right arm. I won't be able to lift anything heavier than a coffee cup for another six weeks. But I will be able to drive, do some typing, and lift and move very small objects. My full recovery is still a long way off, but I am well on my way and making progress everyday.

This experience has had me thinking about the nature of the church. The New Testament often refers to the Christian community as a body, the body of Christ. Paul writes:

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. 1 Cor 12:12-14

Paul then goes on to explain how all the parts of the body are important and necessary. He explains how no one part of the body is more important than another. It's a powerful metaphor for life in the Christian community. It's where we get our word membership-- we are all members of a body.

The thing about bodies is they are meant to be active. It's not a passive image. Bodies move. Bodies work. Bodies get things done. The Church of Jesus Christ is an active agent in the world, advancing the priorities of the Kingdom of God by sharing the gospel, loving our neighbors, and living lives of service. At Shelton Presbyterian Church we sum this up with our motto: Love God, Love people, Serve the world.

For the past six weeks I have learned how difficult it is to function when one part of the body is passive. I've been able to get by without the use of my right arm, but it has been difficult. I'm sure if this became a permanent disability I would learn how to function. Still, it's much easier when all the members of my body are working together.

I want to thank all the members of Shelton Presbyterian Church that make this a healthy and active congregation. I want to thank you for the gifts that you bring and your commitment to serve. There are many challenges before us, but if all the parts of the body are working together, and together we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, then there's nothing that we cannot accomplish.

In Christ,
Jeff

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study

Men meet Thursday mornings at 8:00 AM at the church. This study is led by different men in the church. Please join us.

Soup & Bible Study

This study is *usually* held every other Thursday at 7:00 pm. Dessert will be served. The study is led by Pastor Jeff and is open to everyone. It is held in the lobby of the church. Please join us. *Watch the bulletin for when this is scheduled.*

Women's Bible Study

Women meet Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM at the church. The study is led by Lori Matlock. On break till September



KID'S CAMP - COLLECTING CHILDREN'S BOOKS

During Kid's Camp this year we will be asking kids to donate a children's book. You can also help with this. You can bring your donation of children's books to the Welcome Center anytime through July 14.

June Birthdays



2 Josh Martinell	17 Renate Parker
2 Dan Metzler	18 Lyn Baker
3 Judy Woodard	22 Stephanie Chapman
4 Connie Miser	22 Rachel Watkins
5 Chuck VanderWal	25 Abigail Hirzel
9 Gary Lynema	27 Chris Appleyard
11 Kathy Burleson	28 Ellie Coutts
13 Jeneca Lynema	29 Nancy Wright
13 Pam Schlauderaff	30 Patti Tarrant

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	June 2	June 9	June 16	June 23	June 30
Lay Leader	Harris Haertel	Dan Dickey	Isaiah/Marty Brooks	Margaret Dosland	Mary May

SPC Youth News

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Carson Bursch shared about himself:
 Favorite youth group snack: Oreos
 How long he's been attending SPC/Youth Group: My whole life, 7 years in youth group
 Activities enjoyed playing at youth group: Blob tag
 Funny memory from a youth event: Getting pied

in the face with peanut butter

What was an impacting moment on your faith and how:
 My first missions trip to Lima where I opened up to the group about my faith

Who would you like to thank: My family and friends and cool Youth Pastor

Favorite Bible verse or passage: "Do everything in love" Corinthians 16:14

What are your future plans: Attend Eastern Oregon University and study Human Health and performance. Also running on the track and XC team.



Angie Hernandez shared:
 Favorite youth group snack: Jelly-filled star cookies
 How long have you been Attending Church/Youth Group: I've been helping Video-recording/sound this last year.
 What have you enjoyed: My favorite machine was

Working the sound board, though I prefer the camera.
 Funny memory from a youth event: Laughing with Tina and Chuck and meeting new people after church.
 An impacting moment on your faith: Growing up in a strict Catholic family, religion was something I was

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Lucy Dale wrote this about herself:
 Favorite youth group snack: Ice cream
 How long you've been attending SPC/Youth Group: Since I was in 6th grade
 What activities you enjoyed playing at youth group: Alien, other games that involve Hide and Seek, Lazer tag
 Funny memory from a youth

event: During the Montana trip (2022) we had a float for the 4th of July parade in Lima. It was fun putting on the weird

costumes/streamers (there was a goat head and multiple clown wigs) and jamming out to party in the USA
 Impacting moment on your faith and how: The retreats that we have gone on have been an impacting moment. Being surrounded by so many people who feel deeply about their faith makes me feel more too
 Who would you like to thank: My family, friends, and youth group leaders

Favorite Bible verse or passage: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7
 What are your future plans: Going to Colorado Mesa University for my Bachelors in Biology, with the ultimate goal of becoming a forensic pathologist.

(Angie continued) uncomfortable with. This community and sermons made me feel understood and gave me spiritual hope.

I'd like to thank Leslie, my sponsor for a scholarship, Chuck, Tina, and Cheyanne.

Favorite Bible verse: Passages about self-love and creating a healthy/supporting faith.

Future plans: Attend UW, double major in business/marketing and media/film studies. My goal is to work in the business of entertainment and this community has given me the opportunity to get hands-on practice for those interests.



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Tina VanderWal

This year Shelton Presbyterian Church has eight very special students who will be graduating from high school, Richard Beckman, Carson Bursch, Christian Cruz, Lucy Dale, Angie Hernandez, Abbie Hirzel, Maddie Smith, and Benjamin Watkins. Some sang in our Kid's for Christ Choir– beautiful voices. One was a puppeteer during Kid's Camp. And one works with us in Audio/Video at the back of the church. And most of them grew up in Youth Group led by Marcus. Each of these eight students is unique and talented, and each will soon be graduating and entering into a whole new phase of life – adulthood.

Do you remember when you graduated from high school? I do because shortly after, my parents moved to Washington State for employment for my dad who had been laid off. Since I had already been accepted at California State College in Fullerton, I stayed behind and lived in a little garage-apartment behind my grandparents' home. Life changed drastically. The home I grew up in since age 7 was gone, and my parents whom I'd always been close to, were over a thousand miles away. I couldn't even afford to call them because of long distance fees. Some may have thought that I was drop-kicked out of the nest. But not really, because I went from one loving home to another. My grandparents were great role models, and even though I had my independence, I still had their love and guidance. A great way to leave the nest. After that year, I went to live on campus at WSU and had full independence, but I found that wherever I went there wonderful people who helped me through the ups and downs of adult life.

These eight adults are embarking on new paths in their lives, many are going to colleges or universities, while some are entering the workforce. Whatever their plans are, let's pray that they find kind people along the way, God's angels on earth to help keep them on His path.

"He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake." Psalm 23:3