



The Messenger

Shelton Presbyterian Church

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OUTREACH MINISTRY

Diaper Drive update: Thank you, SPC, for your generosity in donating diapers and baby wipes during our diaper drive. Hundreds of diapers and wipes will be distributed to organizations in our community that provide resources for young mothers. Thank you to Linda Ferguson for taking the lead on this project.



Evergreen Mobile Home Coop

Our neighbors next door have recently started work on a soccer field and playground for their children. Several members of our Outreach Team provided lunch for the residents and their families at a work party to prepare the soil for grass planting.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We have a number of **opportunities** available for you to support children's ministry. Please, prayerfully consider where you might be able to serve.

Our **Sunday School teachers need** an assistant on May 19 and June 16. Please let Lyn Baker or Donna June know if you can assist. Also, we are looking for puppeteers. A puppet show that corresponds to the Sunday School lesson is presented to the children between 10:10 and 10:15 each Sunday. If you are interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Lyn Baker 360 549-6012.

Kid's Camp is right around the corner and we have many service opportunities open for this rewarding endeavor. Our theme this year is Jesus Takes Care of Us. Registration is already open so it is time to begin preparations. If you would like to learn more, please join us on May 19 at 11:20 am in the choir room. I strongly encourage anyone who has already signed up to help, or who is interested in helping out, to attend. If you just want to learn more about Kid's Camp, you are also welcome.



PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY

Meets in the Choir Room on Wednesday, May 8th, 9:00am and also on May 22nd same place/time.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

May and June Messengers will be including student spotlights for some of our High School graduates.



Richard Beckman shared the following about himself:

Favorite youth group snack: Cheez-Itz

How long he's been attending SPC Youth Group: 3 years

Activities he enjoyed at youth group: That one Alien game

Funny memory from a youth event: Waking up at like 3:00am to watch a football game.

Most impacting moment on your faith: Talking to Youth Pastor, Marcus about my future after high school, and how not to live with regrets about the past. He helped me to look on the positive side.

Who would you like to thank: Marcus Clifton, my mom, my dad, Carson, Papa Bursch, Mama Bursch

Favorite Bible verse: John 3:16

What are your future plans: Mechanical Engineering at UW



Christian Cruz shared:

I don't have a favorite snack. I've been attending SPC Youth Group for 6 years.

Favorite activities at youth group: Death Ball

Funny memory: When we had to work together to roll the t/p out without it ripping.

Most impacting moment on your faith: Writing down our challenges and struggles to see if there is a way to help.

Who you'd like to thank: Marcus

Favorite Bible verse: John 4:8 "God is love."

Future plans: Being a cop or a framer if being a cop doesn't work out.

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.



May Birthdays



1 Betty Sarver	13 Rick Burkhalter
2 Jessy Austin	15 Jon Baker
3 Pat Oltman	16 Cynthia Bowen-Angevine
5 Clara Burkel	16 Don Rogers
9 Peg Stock-Penney	17 Ali Clifton
11 D. T. Dosland	21 Don Bates
13 Karen Humphries	

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26	
Lay Leader	Harris Haertel	Mary May	George Bowen	Isaiah/Marty Brooks	

SPC Youth News

ATTENTION COLLEGE GRADUATES!

Please let us know if you are graduating this year so we can recognize you.



High School Graduation Recognition Walk Through

is Sunday, June 9th. Following the church service, High School graduates and their family will have a spot outside so we can personally congratulate them. We encourage sharing cards

and/or small gifts. This is a tradition that started in 2020 that has meant a lot for students launching into the next phase of their lives. There will be "student spotlights" in the May & June messenger for you to get to know our graduates.

Current 5th graders: We are so excited to welcome upcoming 6th graders to Youth Group on June 12th, 6:00 -8:00. Parents and their student are welcome to come early at 5:00 to learn about what all the Youth Program has to offer.

June 2nd is the last Pancake feed before summer.



Maddie Smith shared the following about herself:

Her favorite snack is "Chips!" and she's been attending SPC youth group for around 2 years.

Her favorite activity at youth group: Alien!

Funny memory: Spoons of Death in Belize

Impacting moment on her faith: The Belie trip because I got to work with others and see how God was working in the town there.

Who would you like to thank: My parents because they are the GOAT (greatest of all time)

Favorite Bible verse or passage: The book of Proverbs

What are your future plans: Go to college - Western Washington or OSU (Oregon State); plan to become a Computer Programmer and solve problems. Like how to get paid as an actor!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Abbie Hirzel wrote this about herself:

Favorite youth group snack: Rootbeer Floats

How long she's been attending SPC Youth Group: 5 years

Activities she enjoyed at youth group: Flashlight game, bouncy ball around church, and Bang

Funny memory from a youth event: Marcus zip lining on retreats

Most impacting moment on your faith: Silent nights at youth group; it gave space to connect with God and not worry about anything else.

Who would you like to thank: Janelle, Marcus, Erin and past leaders

Favorite Bible verse: "anyone who does not love does not know God because God is love."

What are your future plans: Become a para-educator once I'm 18, while getting my degree in Special Education.

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Tina VanderWal

When I was in elementary school, tether ball was one of my favorite things to play at recess. If anyone isn't familiar with the game – it basically is a ball hanging from a rope attached to a pole and the object of the game is to hit it above your opponent's head out of their reach until it completely wraps around the pole – then you win.

One of the advantages to winning tether ball is definitely height. For those who know me now at my great height of five-foot $\frac{3}{4}$, it's probably difficult to believe, but I was one of the taller kids in elementary school as I received all my stature by the age of twelve. So that was a definite advantage for me. Another advantage was strength – the ability to punch that ball hard enough to make it sail. I was built pretty solid, in fact my pediatrician called me his little football player, so I did have some strength. But to be really good at tether ball you also had to have skill. This was the ability to hit the ball just right so that it would cause it to fly over the heads of the tallest competitors. Skill was the real key to winning and any child, whether short or tall, could have that.

Our lives are filled with battles we must face. In the area of health - good genetics is a real advantage. Exercise and eating right can also help. But bottom line there are so many diseases that don't abide by any rules. They seem to pick people by random and it doesn't matter, your age, your sex, your ethnicity, or your economic status. Like the recent shingles commercial – they don't care! In these battles, we really need an advantage. I believe Jesus is that for all of us. Knowing and loving Jesus gives us the courage to face our fears and fight back. But Jesus is even more than that, because He can also provide both our medical providers and us with the skills needed to defeat whatever we're facing. So back off – cancer, multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's, arthritis, whatever you're battling because Jesus is with us!

Thank you, sweet Lord for being there for us always. You are our greatest advantage!

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” Psalm 46:1