



The Messenger

Shelton Presbyterian Church

Rev. Jeffrey W. Bursch, Pastor
1430 Shelton Springs Road / PO Box 2510
Shelton, Washington 98584
360-432-8696

September 2026



We're putting together a team of High School youth & recent graduates to return to Belize for our third Youth Service Trip to Belize. [This amazing fundraiser](#) will cover the cost of lodging, food and travel while in Belize for our team. There are many ways to help make this successful. You can sign up at church, call or e-mail the office, or contact Marcus Clifton at 206-713-3334.

All Church Prep Party: Thursday, Oct. 1st, between 4:30-8:30. Please come join us for our annual event where we have fun together wrapping scallops with bacon for OysterFest. Dinner is provided. Our goal is for a group of 30 or more to help prepare about 3,500 orders. There are ways to help that don't involve touching seafood.

Other Prep or Help Needed, September 28-October 2

Monday, between 1:00PM-6:00PM: Organizing and cleaning equipment

Wednesday, between noon-6:00PM: Wash and clean equipment.

Thursday, between 10:00AM-4:30PM: Thaw scallops and set up for the prep party.

Friday, between 10:00AM-4:00PM Trucks and trailers needed to transport gear to set up booth.

Sunday, 4:00-8:00: Trucks and trailers needed to bring gear back to church and help with cleanup.

Please come join us at OysterFest, Oct. 3-4. You can come enjoy the event and visit our booth between 10:00AM and 6:00PM or volunteer in the booth. There are a few jobs we specifically need adults to do like running the deep fryer and being the cashier. There are 3 shifts on Saturday, 8:30AM-12:30PM; 12:30PM-4:30PM; 4:00PM-8:00PM. 3 shifts Sunday, 9:00AM-1:30PM, 1:00PM-5:30PM, Cleanup 4:00-7:00 at the church.

We need 2 USED BBQ's that are no longer needed.

Items to borrow: Several large to extra large Ice Chest, 1 large blackstone griddle





**WE WANT TO GIVE A BIG THANK YOU
TO EVERYONE WHO HAS HELPED MAKE THIS SUMMER
EXTRA-SPECIAL AND FUN
HELPING OUT WHILE PASTOR JEFF WAS ON SABBATICAL**

***WE WILL BE CELEBRATING HIS RETURN ON SUNDAY, SEPT 13th WITH A
SPECIAL LUNCHEON, FOLLOWING WORSHIP***

Bible Studies

Men's Bible Study

Men meet Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM at the church. This study is led by Karl Nelson. Please join us.

Thursday Night Bible Study

This study is held a couple of Thursdays a month at 7:00 pm. The study is led by Pastor Jeff and is open to everyone. It is held in the lobby of the church. Please join us. See your bulletin each week for dates this will be happening.

Women's Bible Study

Women meet Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM at the church. The study is led by Lori Matlock. *On summer break through August. Resumes Sept 23rd*



September Birthdays



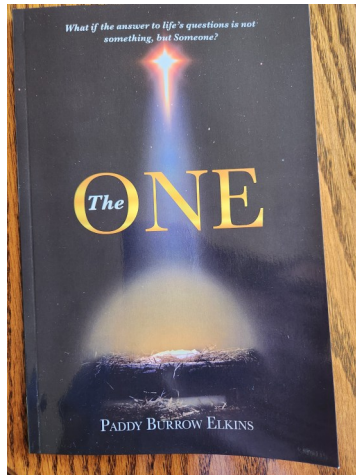
- | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Dean Johnen | 15 Paula Johnson |
| 3 Marty Brooks | 17 Rachelle Anderson |
| 3 Kristi Holzgrove | 18 Tom Allen |
| 5 Melissa Metzler | 19 Jody Blankenship |
| 6 Arlene Bates | 23 Nicki Cook |
| 7 Ethan Bursch | 24 Britteny Givens |
| 8 Joe Everett | 27 Dewayne Matlock |
| 9 Harris Haertel | 29 Doug Watkins |
| 9 George Bowen | 30 Patty Berry |
| 11 Dan Dickey | |

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

	September 6	September 13	September 20	September 27	
Lay Leader	Isaiah Brooks	Linda Ferguson	Marty Brooks	George Bowen	

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

resumes Wed. September 23rd, 10:00am, at church. We are going to be doing a book written by a new church member, Paddy Elkins. It is called, "The One", a seven week study that we will start when I get back from vacation on September 23rd. The book pictured to the right will help you find it on Amazon.



I have another book in reserve for after our Christmas break since it is much longer. More on that later. –Lori Matlock

NOTICE



This empty spot could be filled with YOUR announcement of special **BLESSINGS** you'd like to share with your SPC family.

This could include things like:

- *Special awards you or a family member has received
- *Graduations
- *New babies
- And more.....

Make sure the office receives your **BLESSING** by the 3rd week of the month so it can be included in the next Messenger.

SPC Youth News

WELCOME BACK TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED JR. HIGH AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP SCHEDULE:

Beginning Tuesday, September 8th, 6:00-8:00pm, Jr. High Youth Group will meet at the church . This is for our youth in Grades 6-8.

Beginning Wednesday, September 9th, 6:00-8:00pm, High School Youth Group will meet at the church. This is for our youth in Grades 9-12.

Make sure you check out the front page for information on OysterFest 2026 Youth Fundraiser for those youth that will be returning to Belize for a summer mission trip in 2027.



Shelton Presbyterian Church
PO Box 2510
Shelton WA 98584

Tina VanderWal

On August 25th at the age of 80 a beautiful singer and actress, Dolly Parton passed away. But she was so much more to so many people. From her Imagination Library, she gifted more than 300 million books to children from birth to age 5 around the world. When my daughter Crystal lived in Tennessee, her four children would receive free books from Dolly every month. They thought for a while that she was their aunt, because who else would send you books.

Dolly also donated one million dollars to coronavirus research at Vanderbilt University which helped support the development of Moderna's COVID 19 vaccine. In addition, she donated millions of dollars to children's hospitals and aid to communities hit with natural disasters including 1 million dollars to Hurricane Helene relief. She spent millions to help others.

Some of my kids were texting me regarding their sadness about her passing. I texted back, "What an amazing woman! Can you imagine how many people her love touched?"

It got me to thinking, in this world we have so many competitions, from all the sports, soccer, football, golf, and hockey to contests like Survivor, Big Brother, Gambling championships and the lists go on.

But wouldn't it be great if we all participated in a heavenly competition, where the goal is to touch as many people as possible in your lifetime with Jesus' love.

And the rules aren't difficult, it can be a smile, remembering a person's name, a minute to talk to them, a card, a letter, a call, or a hug. And you don't need a rich sponsor to compete, and there are no restrictions on race or color or economic status. We all get to compete. And you can compete from anywhere, your bed, during work, vacations – wherever you are is fine. And it's one of the few competitions that is never cutthroat. You want your competitors to succeed as much as you want to. And the weirdest part of this competition is that you get benefits along the way. As you are loving others, their love may return to you. The best part is the prize for all your efforts, it is not a Superbowl ring that can be lost nor is it temporary fame, but only these simple words from Jesus, "Well done my good and faithful servant!" and a place in His heavenly kingdom.

So, what are we waiting for? Jesus has already entered us into the race, if we are just willing.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:19-21