



# ADVENTURE

## NEWS

Faithful Shepherd Presbyterian Church

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## May Highlights



### Tuesdays

- Men's Prayer Group 6:45 a.m.

### Wednesdays

- Adult Choir 7:00 p.m.

### Thursdays

- (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>) Parents and Kids @ Home 10:00 a.m.
- Faithful Quilters Group 7:00 p.m.
- Women's Prayer Group 7:30 p.m.

### Sundays

- Worship 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (Through May 22)

### Friday, May 6

- Adult Fellowship, Hector's, 6:30 p.m.

### Sunday, May 8

- Pancake Breakfast 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

### Tuesday, May 10

- Retirees' Luncheon, Olive Garden 11:30 a.m.

### Thursday, May 12

- Agape Latte 10:00 a.m.

### Thursday, May 19

- Book Club 10:00 a.m.

### Saturday, May 21

- Blood Drive 7:00 - 11:30 a.m.

### Thursday, May 26

- Potpourri 10:00 a.m.

### Friday, May 27

- Serve at Siena/Francis House 5:00 p.m.

See enclosed calendar for more.

## Mothers' Day

## Breakfast



Sunday, May 8th

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

### Pancakes and other Fixins

The free-will offering to be taken will be used to help offset the cost of the youth mission trip to Kansas City.

## Cinco de Mayo Outing



The Fellowship committee has organized an Adult Fellowship Event for Cinco de Mayo. It will be in the Party Room at at Hector's, 156<sup>th</sup> and Pacific, at 6:30 p.m. on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Order individually from the regular menu. It should be a fun time.

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office, 402-330-2683, by Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, so the restaurant can set up the room appropriately.



# Session Highlights

The Session took the following actions at their April meeting:

- The theme of the Bible study: Israel. The Session looked at Israel's status in the Hebrew Bible and its relevance for us today.
- The Session discussed Holy Week Services and the reasons some people attend and choose not to attend. Specifically, what does the church say/represent when we attend Palm Sunday and Easter services only? Implied: "The church doesn't like to wrestle with suffering."
- Approved a provisional quorum policy for Session and congregational meetings.
- Approved the monthly finance report.
- Approved the Session Minutes (March 2011).
- Approved a mission trip fundraiser.
- Approved communion for Maundy Thursday and Easter Sunrise services.
- Discussed procedures for inactive members.
- Heard a report from the Mission Team about The Good News Prison Ministry Annual Meeting
- Received written reports from the following: Member Care, Christian Education, Building & Grounds/ Finance, Hospitality & Communications, Worship.

## Directory Update

### Address Change:

Drager, Erin  
5030 N 128<sup>th</sup> St. 68164

# ATTENDANCE

The average Sunday morning worship attendance in April was 161. Easter Sunday attendance was 246 (compared to 218 on Easter last year.)

Bible Quiz Answer: B

# Parents Note:

**Sunday School will begin its summer vacation on May 29<sup>th</sup>.**

## "Quote of the Month"

*The resurrection gives my life meaning and direction and the opportunity to start over no matter what my circumstances.*

—Robert Flatt

## Food Bazaar

The Korean Presbyterian Church, 14015 Q Street, will have a food bazaar of Korean foods on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

For a promotional flier, go to [http://www.pmr.org/newsletters/foodbazaar\\_2011.pdf](http://www.pmr.org/newsletters/foodbazaar_2011.pdf)



Friends:

Did you know that the King James Version of the Bible is still the most-purchased version in the English-speaking world? I've been thinking some about the King James Version and its mass appeal in the world.

This year marks the 400<sup>th</sup> year of the publication of the King James Version. After a bit of controversy, the King James won out as the primary English translation in 1611. It has had some spelling changes over the years but remains essentially the same. The King James Version was a high priority for Reformers who desired that the Bible be placed into the hands of any and all who wished to read it.

I've been reflecting on this because the King James Version doesn't mean that much to me. I grew up with the Revised Standard Version and then moved to the New Revised Standard Version and now, the New International Version. The King James Version has never been on my radar and we do not use it in worship very much, if at all. I occasionally have a request to use it at funerals. But, that does not mean the King James Version is without merit. Many may have grown up on this version and may still use it today. Whatever version you use, I believe, it is God's desire that you read that particular version.

Most of us know that biblical literacy is declining in the United States. Only a minority of Presbyterian laity report reading the Bible on their own in the prior week:

At least daily 18%  
Often, but not daily 16%<sup>1</sup>

Some of us may be asking the question, "Why does it matter?" Why does it matter if I read the Bible? I believe it matters because it is a rich resource of wisdom and knowledge. It matters because we meet God in the pages of Holy Scripture. God confronts us in the pages of the Bible and puts a mirror in front of us to help us see ourselves in the context of our own lives. It matters because we can more deeply understand the culture into which we are living. Much of the art, music, literature, political rhetoric, and even humor, that has shaped the English-speaking world during the past four hundred years has drawn upon the Bible for at least some of its inspiration.<sup>2</sup>

My hope is that we take the Bible seriously in our devotional life and ministries. My hope is that we see the Bible's relevance in our contemporary life. My prayer is that God's people would open it, read it, and reflect upon it.<sup>3</sup>

The grace and peace of the risen Christ be with you.

*Pastor Darin*

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<sup>1</sup> Pew Research Center, September 2010.

<sup>2</sup> I am helped here by the Rev. Dr. Eugene March in his article: "Reclaiming the Vision" in *Austin Seminary's Windows*, Spring 2011, p. 5.

<sup>3</sup> As always, if you want guidance in how to read the Bible, we would love to help you.

# Finance Report



## Finance Update

March operating expenses were \$7,001 higher than operating gifts. For the first quarter, operating expenses outpaced operating gifts by \$13,778 (over 25%). Expenses are running below budget, but gifts are lagging at this point.

I am hopeful that the Easter season in April and the five Sundays in May will narrow this gap before we head into summer.

It is important to note that we are not in any danger financially at this point because of reserves, but this shortfall has prevented any distribution of 2010's overage to this point.

On the bright side, our building fund debt reduction account is over \$600 again and will be applied to principal in May.

	March '11	2011 Totals
Operating Gifts	\$15,993	\$53,214
Operating Expenses	\$22,994	\$66,992

Any gifts given to the church that are designated for "building fund" are now considered restricted gifts and deposited into a sub account to be applied toward principal on our bank mortgage. Previously, these were considered operating gifts since the mortgages are paid from the operating account. This change in policy gives members an opportunity to directly reduce the principal on our mortgage.

To set up or manage Electronic Fund Transfers for periodic (weekly, monthly, etc.) giving, please contact the church office (402-330-2683) or Bill Neuman (402-991-2894).

On behalf of Faithful Shepherd, Thank you for your continued prayers and generosity.

Bill Neuman  
Finance Director



# Bible Quiz

In the Old Testament book of Job, the title character suffers many losses. During three separate raids in quick succession, he loses his livestock and servants. While still reeling from that news, Job learns that his children died during a furious windstorm. Later, Job also loses his health, when a skin disease causes sores all over his body.

From the list below, choose the one thing Job did *not* do in response to his great misfortune.

- A. tore his clothes and shaved his head
- B. cursed God and died
- C. sat among ashes
- D. worshiped the Lord



# Waiting on God

On May 5, Americans observe the National Day of Prayer. Waiting on God is an important component of prayer. It's hard to understand why God delays when we cry out for help. Why does he allow us to suffer, when he could just say the word and make it all better? Why must we wait?

Consider a child whose parents always give her whatever she asks, as soon as she asks for it. That child has little opportunity to learn patience or gratitude. Because she doesn't know what it's like to not have, she cannot appreciate the true value of something.

God may have some of these things in mind when our prayers go unanswered for a time. As the psalmist exhorts, "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" (Psalm 27:14, NRSV).

# PANDAMANIA



## Where God is Wild About You!!!

June 6 - 10

Dinner: 5:30 p.m.

VBS: 6 - 8 p.m.

**INVITE YOUR FRIENDS** and prepare for a WILD and amazing time!

Note: There are many ways you can help with VBS, both "On-the-Scene" or "Behind-the-Scene"! Call Buffie at 402-330--2683, or e-mail her at [bbdenning@cox.net](mailto:bbdenning@cox.net).

# Disaster Assistance News



Donations are still being accepted for the victims of the earthquake/tsunami in Japan. You can put a check in the Sunday morning offering marked "Japan Relief" or make an online contribution at <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/pda/>.

Closer to home, the Prospect Hill Presbytery, to our north, has been awarded a grant from the One Great Hour of Sharing Offerings collected on Palm Sunday to assist the victims of the recent Mapleton, Iowa, tornado.

# Women's Prayer Group



The Women's Prayer Group is meeting at the church on Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Susan Drager (402-330-4409) or Marian Lord (402-330-6729).

# Who's Who

**Session** members for 2010 /2011: Sue Anderson, Sunny Andrews, Steve Drager, Skip Dvorak, Debbie Hart, John Lord, Bill Neuman, Kathy Papadopoulos, Frank Possinger, and Jeff Sinley.

**Board of Deacons** members for 2010/2011: Sara Andrews, Jim Carruthers, Angie Champion, Erin Drager, Jon Hart, Dan Kusmierski, Marilyn Thorpe, Dawn Walkenhorst, and Betty Wittington.

# Graduation Recognition



Do you have a graduate in your home? Is your son or daughter graduating from high school or college? Are you receiving your master's degree?

We would love to honor our graduates in May. Please complete a form in the Family Life Center and drop it off in the church office by May 8th.

# Joys

## Birthdays



We wish a happy May birthday to David Gell (5/1), Bruce Murdock (5/1), John Lord (5/6), Jolene Possinger (5/6), Jonathan Wageman (5/6), Alice Caldwell (5/7), Betty Whittington (5/12), Julie Wagner (5/13), Steve Drager (5/15), Gracie Schultz (5/15), Shauna Seaman (5/15), Mark Zach (5/16), Carlie Grieb (5/17), Brynn Seaman (5/19), Floyd Shenfield (5/19), Roberta Collard (5/22), Brittney Kusmierski (5/23), Jessica Schultz (5/23), William Poppen (5/24), Christie Shenfield (5/25), Erin Drager (5/28), Lauren Ruhe (5/28), and Dale Fick (5/28).

Ed. Note: If we have missed anyone, please let us know.

## Anniversaries



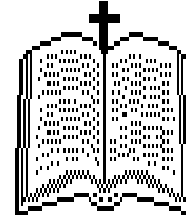
Happy May wedding anniversary wishes to Jim & Mary Brown (5/8), Sunny & Sara Andrews (5/13), Fred & Maria Bealer (5/15), James & Joy Eggleston (5/20), Mark & Vickie Zach (5/23), David & Marjorie Gell (5/24), Curt & Skip Dvorak (5/25), and Jeff & Jennifer Morris (5/30).

## Guests



Recent guests in worship include Mary Ann Barrow; Chuck & Cheryl Ebel; Jennifer Bennett; Jeff & Connie Taylor; Bob Eppler; Laura Brown; Beb O'Bryan; Rod & Angela Griffith; Tyler Hughes; Cindy Dalton; Jackie DeLay; Nellie Johnson; Pam Coleman; H.J. Dalton, Jr.; Tom & Stephanie Dean; Betty Divoky; Loraine Kuszynski; Nick Lincoln; Traci Nasr; and Marguerite Stage.

# May Worship Schedule



## Sunday, May 1: First Sunday of Easter

Sermon Title: *We Are All Witnesses*

Please read Acts 2:22-32.

## Sunday, May 8: Second Sunday of Easter

Sermon Title: *The Emmaus Walk*

Please read Luke 24:13-35.

## Sunday, May 15: Third Sunday of Easter

Sermon Title: *Eating Green Beans Together*

Please read Acts 2:42-47.

## Sunday, May 22: Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sermon Title: *Doing Greater Things Than Jesus?*

Please read John 14:1-14.

## Sunday, May 29: Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sermon Title: *With Gentleness and Respect*

Please read 1 Peter 3:13-22.

What a  
Friend  
in we have  
Jesus

# May 2011



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> 9:00 am Worship 10:00 am SS 11:00 am Worship	<b>2</b> 7:00 pm Boy Scouts	<b>3</b> 6:45 am Men's Prayer Group 9:00 am Staff 10:00 am Dance Class	<b>4</b> 7:00 pm Choir	<b>5</b> 10:00 am PAK 7:00 pm Quilting	<b>6</b> 6:30 pm Fellowship Outing @ Hector's	<b>7</b> 9:00 am Soccer
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# Puzzle BROOCH

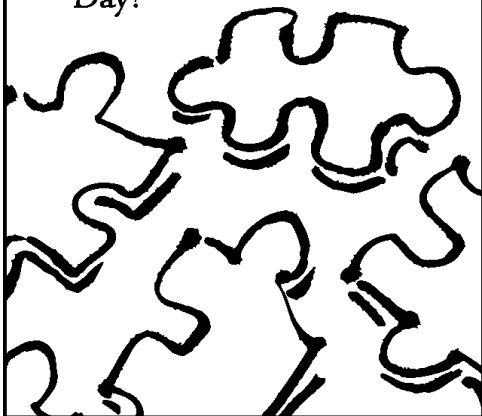
Make this keepsake to let your mom, grandma or aunt know that you wouldn't be complete without her!

## What you need:

- Several old puzzle pieces
- Acrylic paints
- Paintbrush
- Craft glue
- Sequins or small buttons
- Metal jewelry safety pin (flat on the bottom)

## What you do:

1. Paint the puzzle pieces and let them dry.
2. Come up with a design; for example, place two pieces on the bottom and one on top.
3. Glue the pieces in place so they form one brooch. Decorate by gluing on sequins or buttons.
4. When the brooch is completely dry, glue a jewelry safety pin on the bottom.
5. Give the gift on Mother's Day!



## Our mother's instructions

God gives us parents to help us learn about following his ways. Cherishing our mothers means valuing their guidance.

Use the boxed word codes below to complete Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV.

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walk    speak    fathers    sleep    keep    always

guide    awake    son    forsake    teaching

around    heart    neck    mothers    fasten    watch

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“My \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_’s command  
 and do not \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_’s \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Bind them \_\_\_\_\_ on your \_\_\_\_\_;  
 \_\_\_\_\_ them \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_.  
 When you \_\_\_\_\_, they will \_\_\_\_\_ you;  
 when you \_\_\_\_\_, they will \_\_\_\_\_ over you;  
 when you \_\_\_\_\_, they will \_\_\_\_\_ to you.”

Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV

Answers: “My son, keep your father’s command and do not forsake your mother’s teaching. Bind them always on your heart; fasten them around your neck. When you walk, they will guide you; when you sleep, they will watch over you; when you awake, they will speak to you.”  
 Proverbs 6:20-22, NIV

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## On Perseverance

Success is failure turned inside out,  
The silver tint on the clouds of doubt,  
And you can never tell how close you are,  
It may be near when it seems afar.  
So, stick to the fight when you're hardest hit  
It's when things go wrong that you mustn't quit.

-- Author unknown

*See You in Church*