

The Parish Pulse

Greater Parish of the Cascades Newsletter
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From Pastor Worth's Desk

As the signs of spring start filling the air, my thoughts are turning toward celebrating God's love for us as seen in the newness of life that nature reveals. Each spring we watch nature visibly remind us that there is life beyond death and life beyond this sin-filled world. Psalm 19:1 declares "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims the work of His hands." (HCSB) Each spring we watch as the creation worships the creator and declares His glory.

As I think about the glorious ways the creation worships God, I am drawn back to the words of C. Welton Gaddy in his book, *The Gift of Worship*. "Worship is the most important work of the church and it is the most important activity of the people of God." Gaddy continues this thought by stating that "worship is the source of the church's power to carry out its mission in the world." My friends, if we truly are going to be a church that does the mission of God in our community, we need to be connected to the source of our spiritual power, the Holy Spirit. Worshiping together is vital to our ability to hear God's voice and joining Him as He works in our community. Jesus said, "The Father is seeking those who worship Him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24-25) This spring as the days grow longer and the beautiful smells and sounds of spring burst forth all around us, make the commitment to join your neighbors and friends on Sunday morning to worship God, allow His presence to fill you with His power to be God's servant in our community. Think spring! Think worship! Let's worship God together.

Pastor Worth Wilson

Upcoming Events

February 28th - March 2nd - Pastor at "Churches of the Future" conference in San Diego, California

March 1st and every Tuesday evening and every Thursday morning - Beth Moore study "Believing God"
Tuesday eves 6:30pm and Thursday morns 10:00am - Interested? please call church office 674-2472

March 2nd and every Wednesday- Celebrate Recovery group changes to Wednesday evenings at 7pm at the Cle Elum Community Church - This group is for people with all types of addictions and are looking for freedom in Christ. Any questions, please call Ed Carlson 674-2499

March 2nd - 1:00pm - Presbyterian Women meeting at Mt Pisgah (temp church by Roslyn Post office).

March 2nd and every Wednesday evening - Life groups meet. If you are interested in joining a "Life Group", please call the church office 674-2472. These are small, intimate home bible study groups.

March 7th and every Monday eve 6:30pm - Men's group get together and talk about the Bible. Call church office for more info. 674-2472

March 8th and 22nd and 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month - MOPS group meet at Cle Elum Community church for moms to get together. Nursery provided. Call Sue Wilson with questions. 674-2747

March 8th - Cle Elum Community Church board meeting 6pm. Meetings are open to all members.

MARCH 9th - **Ash Wednesday / Evening Prayer** - Please join us for a time of celebrating our Lord with a special time of worship, personal and corporate prayer during the week of Lent. This is open to our entire community, please come and join us Ash Wednesday evening 7:00pm at Cle Elum Community

March 14th - Mt. Pisgah session meeting @ Cle Elum 4:00pm

March 15th - Cle Elum stewardship meeting @ Cle Elum 7:00pm

March 20th - FOOD BANK SUNDAY

March 21st - March 25th - Pastor Worth and Sue will be traveling to Ft. Benning, GA for their son Matt's graduation for Officers Candidate School with the US Army

March 21st - Alissa Matanich will be speaking at the Roslyn Library Armchair travel series at 7:00pm. She will be talking about the time she spent in Mozambique, Zanzibar and Niger. www.roslynlibrary.org

April 5th - Scholarship fund raiser Spaghetti feed @ Cle Elum Community Church



March Birthday's

03/01 Wes Willette
03/02 Sandra McLain
03/03 Melissa Schmitt
03/05 Ron McLain
03/05 Mike Miller
03/05 Mike Repin
03/05 Caleb Roberson
03/06 Edith Hyndman
03/07 Victoria Vancour
03/09 Stuart Juris
03/11 Patti Nicholson
03/11 Carol Tomicich
03/13 Deborah Parrish
03/13 Janice Thompson
03/13 Mallory Brumfield
03/15 Amanda Soderstrom
03/18 Whitney Ritter
03/18 Katie Ballard
03/19 Andelucia Romano
03/21 Wes Jones
03/22 Linda Wise
03/22 Megan Aldrich
03/24 Tip Maggs
03/24 Claudia Farnum
03/24 Janie Zencak
03/26 Linda Turner
03/29 Melanie Rosecrans
03/30 Carol Punton
03/31 Jennifer Freniere
03/31 Wyatt Rodarme

April Birthdays

04/01 Marissa Maweu
04/01 Van Hockenbury
04/06 Marvin Fiksdal
04/08 Lena Parrish
04/09 Sadie Sheahan
04/10 Jay Ragland
04/10 Miles Ballard
04/11 Alex Kohl
04/14 Joseph Moreau
04/14 Laurene Wallace
04/14 Jerred Weis
04/17 Ryan Cummings
04/19 Beverly Ballard
04/19 Chris Vertefeuille
04/20 Gordon Jones
04/25 Anna Aldrich
04/26 Jane Wallick
04/26 Bill Bishop
04/27 Lisa Soderstrom



March Anniversaries

03/01/1947 Cloyd, Bob & Nora
03/15/1993 Zencak, Peter Sr. & Janie
03/22/1969 Spear, Larry & Kathy

April Anniversaries

04/05/1980 Weis, Doug & Susie
04/08/1972 Lemert, Ron & Bonnie
04/09/1994 Rogers, Steve & Cindy

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child has been a project which Mt. Pisgah has initiated and worked on for many years, providing shoe boxes filled with toys, personal care items, goodies for children all over the world through the Samaritan's Purse organization. In 2010, over 5.5 million shoe box gifts went to needy children in the U.S. and nearly 2.7 million boxes going to other countries.

After sending off 326 shoe boxes last November, we have again started working. Our current focus is putting together 300 personal care kits. This involves sewing bags to hold personal care items. The bags are simple draw string, using basic sewing skills to make. We are collecting the following items for the kits: wash cloths, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, hair clips, nail clippers, files, etc. No liquids please. Other kits we will be putting together in the future are sewing, bead, school and papers. Some of the other items we make to go into the boxes are hats, clothing for the children, dolls and blankets. This is a group project and we appreciate everyone's support and help. We gladly welcome anyone who wants to help as there is a lot to get done. Any questions or comments, please call Beth Matanich 649-3424

Food Bank Sunday - 3rd Sunday of each month

Cle Elum Community Church has a red bucket by the front entrance door in the foyer. Please bring non-perishable foods for the community food bank. Peanut butter, cereals, beans, pastas, soups, etc. are appreciated. There are many people in this community in need of the basic needs of life and your contribution either in food or money are greatly needed. If you wish to donate money, please note "Food Bank" on your check or on the envelope. Thank you.

Mark your calendars

Spaghetti feed coming up Tuesday April 5th at Cle Elum Community Church - proceeds donated to the Greater Parish Scholarship Fund (help kids and folks of all ages attend camps, retreats, seminars). Cost: \$10.00 adults, \$5.00 kids 4-12 (children under 4 free), Family \$25.00 Seating times 5pm and 6:30pm

National Day of Prayer May 5th (Thursday) Noon **Skate, city park, Cle Elum**

Psalm 91:2 - I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust" - (HCSB) Come and join in a time of worship and prayer for our nation. This is the 60th annual observance of National Day of Prayer. If you are willing and able to help in any way, please contact Art Colts at 674-9619. Thank you, and see you May 5th.

Additions to your new phone directories

John and Cheryl Hobert- 309 E. 2nd Street Cle Elum, WA 674-5154
Charlie, Jayde

Wes McCoy 303 W. 6th Street Cle Elum, WA 674-3940

David and Krish Turner 723 Lincoln Avenue S. Cle Elum, WA 674-9771
Andrea Fort

My apologize to those who were overlooked for the phone directory.

Mission to Zimbabwe

Steve and Yvone Wells have been given the awesome opportunity to participate in a mission trip to Zimbabwe. The trip is planned for May 15-31, 2011. They will be going with the Renton Salvation Army Church, lead by Captain Terry Masango.

The plan to accomplish on this trip are: leading VBS(Vacation Bible study), lead youth and children Sunday school, visit members in the hospital and their homes. Visit Howard hospital to pray for and encourage patients and donate medical equipment. Visit Chinyaradzo Children's home to pray with and for the orphans and donate craft supplies, water pump, washing machine and money.

Listed below are ways you can help. Items needed: soccer balls, craft supplies, stationary, small bibles, vegetable seeds, used clothing (mainly jeans and t-shirts), laptops, old cell phones. Please contact Steve if you choose to donate any of these items. Steve #509-674-9641

Financial support (for airline tickets, purchase items listed above, etc) will help also. If you are lead to help out financially, PLEASE send checks to: Renton Corps Salvation army Church, PO BOX 977, Renton, WA 98057. **Please note on the memo line for Steve and Yvone Wells, Zimbabwe Mission trip 2011. Last but most important, PLEASE pray that God will prepare the hearts of the entire team, pray for the families, children and others that will be ministered to. THANK YOU for your support.**

Mission to Haiti

Joe Richmond (grandson to Stewart and Jackie Richmond) is anticipating a trip to Haiti in August 2011 with a group in fellowship with Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in and around Grand Goave in Haiti. The proposal is that the group will either work on a school or a starter home, depending upon the needs at that time.

Joe is looking for odd jobs to raise money for his goal. He does car repairs, cement work, carpentry, miscellaneous jobs. If you are needing some work of any kind, please call Joe 509-607-9753

Peanut recipes

Senegalese Peanut Soup

If you're craving the rich taste of peanuts but not the fat and calories, this unusual soup fills the bill. Make it a day ahead of time, if possible, to let the flavors develop even more. Makes 4 servings

1 (15 oz) can chickpeas, rinsed and drained
3 cups chicken broth
3 Tbsp natural creamy peanut butter
1 tsp peanut oil
2 onions, finely chopped
1 (1 inch) piece peeled fresh ginger, minced
1 ½ tsp curry powder
½ tsp ground cumin
1 (14 ½ oz) can diced tomatoes
¼ tsp cayenne, or to taste
2 Tbsp chopped fresh cilantro

1. In a blender or food processor, combine the chickpeas, ½ c. of the broth, and the peanut butter; puree.
2. In a large nonstick saucepan or Dutch oven, heat the oil. Saute the onions and ginger until the onions are soft (7-8 min). Stir in the curry powder and cumin; saute 1 min longer. Add remaining 2 ½ cups broth, tomatoes and chickpea mixture; simmer 5 minutes to blend the flavors. Season with the cayenne. Serve, sprinkled with the cilantro.

Peanut Butter dip

Easy, easy recipe - use on sliced apples, celery or pretzels. Think up your own ideas

¾ cup vanilla yogurt (6 oz)
½ cup creamy peanut butter
⅓ cup raisins
½ tsp cinnamon

Mix yogurt and peanut butter together well, then add raisins and cinnamon in. Dip the apples, celery or pretzels in the dip. YUM

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