

# Port Orchard Church of Christ



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## People of Courageous Faith

This week I have been spending a lot of time thinking about discernment and searching for guidance from God. There are these times in life where you just wish heaven would open up and God would directly lead you to the right action.

Unfortunately if you are like me then that never happens the way you hope. Instead you have to feel around and trust that God is big enough to lead even when you take the wrong turn.

As I have been thinking about this, I have been recalling all of the sayings about doors being opened and closed. Sometimes they say when God closes a door he opens a window. Jokes about feeling the crunch are all to common.

I have been thinking over the times in my life where I could say I felt guided and more often than not it seems like only one option typically presents itself. It isn't always that way but often one route is clear and we seek something different or more in line with our

wants.

So this week lets ponder together how God often chooses to lead us or guides us.

I think we often paralyze ourselves out of action because we are afraid to mess up. I think this is wrong. I think that God is big, He is powerful and more often than not he has more going on than one choice for this or that.

I think we need to sometimes go to the basics and just start doing. Ask yourself two basic questions and then do!

1: Do I love God and want to do right by His will?

2: Will this choice allow me to continue loving God and pursuing His will?

If you can answer yes, then trust that God will use you wherever you find yourself in pursuit of these choices. May we be inspired to be people of courageous faith!

-Cody Rousseau, POCOC Bulletin 12/6/2015

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# Welcome Guests

We are so glad that you decided to visit Port Orchard Church of Christ this morning! Since you took this step to join us for worship, we would like to extend to you a warm welcome. Wherever you are this morning, as we lift worship to God, we pray that you are able to leave feeling uplifted, convicted, or encouraged in your faith.

We seek to worship God like the first century church did, with a sense of awe and with a fear of the Lord. Some things we do might seem old fashioned or traditional, but we want you to know that at its core, it is for the praise of God's glory.

You are not required to do anything weird or ostentatious. We hope that you feel free to join us in worshipping God to the best of

your abilities. If you have any specific needs, we have a ministry staff that would love to connect with you. Ask the people sitting around you for names of the ministry staff and to point them out!

Once again, we are so happy to have you here worshipping with us and we hope this is a chance to worship God in a deep and meaningful way.

## Save the Dates!

**Sunday 12/09** *Potluck*  
**After Services**

**Friday 12/14** *Kids & Tweens*  
**4:30-7:00pm** *Crafting for IJM*

**Signup Sheet for  
2019  
Communion Prep. and  
Cleanup has been posted in  
the foyer.**

**Serving December 9, 2018:**

## Port Orchard News and Events

### Sunday Preview

Vincente Huerta will be giving the sermon this Sunday. Service begins at 10:45. We hope to see you here!

### Happy Birthday!

**December--**Charles Nance-01, Cornell Stull-01, Nikole Karn-03, LaDonna Latham-03, Tristen Herbert-05, Sarah Benjamin-08, Elizabeth Herbert-08, Kelli Keagle-12, Erika Wheeler-12, Anna Cartwright, Jedidiah Herbert-17, Bonnie Mitchell-18, Lilli Bell-19, Darlene Woodrow-24, Wayne Hammock-25, Nancy Armenta-26, Gary White-28, Jake Orser-31, Randy vanLeuven-31.

### Last Sunday

Thomas Morse shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message, please visit the church website at [pococ.weebly.com](http://pococ.weebly.com) to listen.

### Congratulations, Hailey!

Our sister Hailey Denault was selected to be part of the WA Music Educators Association Junior All-State bands, choirs, and orchestra.

Prayer Leader: Brandon Zepf

Scripture Reader: Vincente Huerta

Offering Thoughts: Wayne Hammock

Communion Meditation: Ken Reinke

Servers: Brandon Zepf/Greg Warner

Ushers: Rick Velasco & Dan Gross

Greeters: Barbara C./Lori Sanders

Prayer Partners: Dale & Lori Sanders

Sound: Isaac Benjamin

Slides/Lighting: Lisa Bratcher

Communion Prep: Barbara Chasteen

Communion Cleanup: Rick Velasco

Song Leader: Gene Gerard

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Laura Fry

Youth Worship: Laura Fry

Preaching: Vincente Huerta

## Memory Verse & Daily Bible Reading

Those young people who are participating in this program do not have a memory verse this week but will continue to have Daily Bible Reading this week. A new schedule of memory verses will be dispersed next week.

## Potluck

**When:** Sunday, December 9th, After Services

**Where:** POCOC Fellowship Hall

## IJM Fundraiser

There are spider ornaments on a tree in the foyer. Please leave a donation for IJM in the piggy bank and take home a spider. Suggested donation is \$1. The kids and tweens made these spiders as a fundraiser for IJM. Some of the spiders were sold at the sale last weekend where tweens made \$98 for IJM. Also, pick up a Christmas Spider legend card to go with your ornament!

## Kids & Tweens Crafting for IJM

**When:** Friday, December 14th, 4:30-7:00pm

**Where:** POCOC Fellowship Hall

**What:** Kids and Tweens will be making crafts to sell to raise money for International Justice Mission. IJM is an organization dedicated to the abolition of human trafficking. They work in many parts of the world. Our tweens are focusing on child slavery on Lake Volta in Ghana on the African continent. To see their donation meter, go to <https://give.ijm.org/team/170471>

## Men's Meeting

Will reconvene in January on *Thursday* evenings.

## Our Prayer List

### Healing:

Jamin Mason, Dale Sanders, Marlene Granburg, Frankie Gower's sister Linda, Sharon McDaniel

### Encouragement:

Jeff Orser, All Children Participating in the new Memory Verse/Bible Reading program, All Church Family Members, Family Caregivers, Tiny Village Team

### Traveling:

Whites, Averys, Cormiers

### Other:

For those who fear the possible Tiny Cabin Village.  
Our families, nation, President Trump and leaders.  
Our ministries, Deacons & Congregation.

**December 2, 2018**

Worship: 80

Class: 45

Offering: \$4,643.28

## Message from Our Teachers

**Our** Bible class young people are excited to invite the "whole congregation" to participate with them in gathering items to help those less fortunate stay warm this winter!

We have made a plan to gather **new** heavy duty warm socks for men, women and children!

However after contacting Helpline today there is so much more; yes they need socks to give away but **they tell us that they have no heavy coats, no waterproof jackets, no tents, no sleeping bags and they desperately need all of those things. Gently used or new!**

We had an amazing outpouring from our congregation to help keep people warm this year! Good job Bible school team!

We had 13 sleeping bags, 14 large white bags of socks and clothing, 2 big boxes of socks and shoes, and 3 extra large black bags of coats and warm clothing donated so a far!! It could barely fit in the car.

Thank you all who have given. Let's keep it up. Let's keep blessing people by keeping them warm this winter!

God bless you!

