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### CROSS COMMUNICATION !

Cross language is generally not very well received. When someone is cross, their communication often comes across very harshly because they are speaking out of anger or annoyance. However, there is cross communication which clearly stemmed from gracious love. That is the message of *the cross of Christ!* Such is expressed in the words Paul wrote to the church at Rome where we read. . .

*<sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.*" (Romans 5:8-10 ESV)



The *cross of Christ* communicates selfless love! The *cross of Christ* communicates grace and mercy! The *cross of Christ* communicates forgiveness! The *cross of Christ* communicates opportunity for reconciliation with God! The *cross of Christ* communicates salvation! In spite of the “*word of the cross*” (1 Corinthians 1:18) being folly to those who refuse to acknowledge the need for all it provides, for us who have been drawn to Christ because of it (John 12:32-33), we know it speaks of our salvation by the power of God! May the cross continue to speak to us as we daily acknowledge all the difference it makes with regard to daily living and the encouragement we have in the assurance of life eternal!

Have a great day REJOICING IN THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS!

– Carl Hanson, Port Townsend Church of Christ

### **Can We help?**

With so many of us sheltering in our homes as best we can, life and it's needs go on, such as trips for food, medications, etc, etc. A young man in our congregation is offering his time to make grocery and pharmacy pickups and deliver them to your front porch. His time and expenses are being covered by a local businessman/member of our church so there is absolutely NO charge to you for this service. Take advantage of it and stay safe! Just like Jesus, the debt has already been paid!

Here's how it works:

If you have needs, do one of the following:

Phone or text: (253) 380 4806 (Lorri Celletti) or, Email: [mlcell@wavecable.com](mailto:mlcell@wavecable.com) (Michael/Lorri Celletti)  
Give your name and contact info, list of items needed, prescription pickup info etc.

Your items will be delivered to your front porch with a phone call to let you know they have arrived. Your receipt will be left in an envelope, then you can forward a check to the address on the envelope or call the above number to arrange payment when convenient.

There will be no personal contact between you and the person making the delivery. We want to keep everyone as safe as possible! If you should need financial assistance in procuring the items you need, please let us know. The goal is making sure everyone's needs are met until God conquers this virus. In the mean time, God bless all of you and stay safe!

P.S. You may also call (253) 223 9095 (Bob McDaniel) If you have questions or are unable to get through on above contact info.

## Our Prayer List

- Daniel Tillman had open brain surgery this morning and it went well. Please pray for his recovery, the medical team, and Lisa and the Frys as they minister to them.
- Ashley (Ariana's mother) is in the hospital with a fever and cough. She also has diabetes and cancer. She tested negative for Covid-19, but has pneumonia. Pray for her healing and comfort, for the medical team taking care of her and the Averys as they minister to her.
- Pray for our school children who will do online schooling for the rest of this school year. Pray for the children whose parents don't have the facilities to let their children do the online schooling.
- Pray especially for those families for whom domestic violence is common and very likely is increased during this time. We don't know their names or who they are, but God does.
- Pray for encouragement to all those who are tirelessly working to deal with the Covid-19 virus. Prayers that God will guide them.
- Brandon Zepf is home safely from OKC on Saturday.
- Continue to pray for our Deacons, Leadership Team, Our church family, Our missions, Families, Our nation and its leaders.

*From Dale Sanders:*

Came across this poem written in 1869, reprinted during the 1919 Pandemic.

It was written in 1869 by Kathleen O'Mara:

### History Repeats Itself...

And people stayed at home  
And read books  
And listened  
And they rested  
And did exercises  
And made art and played  
And learned new ways of being  
And stopped and listened  
More deeply  
Someone meditated, someone prayed  
Someone met their shadow  
And people began to think differently  
And people healed.

And in the absence of people who  
Lived in ignorant ways  
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,  
The earth also began to heal  
And when the danger ended and  
People found themselves  
They grieved for the dead  
And made new choices  
And dreamed of new visions  
And created new ways of living  
And completely healed the earth  
Just as they were healed.  
- Reprinted during Spanish flu Pandemic, 1919

### Happy Birthday!

April: Jacob Hammock - 10, Brandon Karn - 10, Jarrod Coley - 12, Rick Velasco - 13, Misty Hammock - 15, James Greer - 17, Jasper Smith - 22, Lori Sanders - 28

# Worship @ Home

## Links for Church Bulletins, Sermons, & Worship

Port Orchard Church of Christ:

<http://pococ.weebly.com/weekly-church-bulletins.html>

<http://pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html>

Central Kitsap Church of Christ:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ckcocorg1/featured>

Bellevue Church of Christ:

<https://www.bellevuechurchofchrist.org/resources/sermonsbulletins>

Lakeview Church of Christ:

<https://www.lakeviewchurchofchrist.church/bulletins-2020/>

<https://www.lakeviewchurchofchrist.church/media/sermons/>

Puyallup Church of Christ:

<http://puyallupcofc.org/audio.html>

Max Lucado also publishes an “Online Church” on Facebook. This is a collection of videos of some of his weekly sermons. [https://www.facebook.com/watch/?ref=search&v=518183309102665&external\\_log\\_id=cc2ff9cd\\_e8e2930b32b0c5e8f56c3750&q=max%20lucado](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?ref=search&v=518183309102665&external_log_id=cc2ff9cd_e8e2930b32b0c5e8f56c3750&q=max%20lucado)

The Acappella Company:

<https://acappella.org/>

Acappella Praise & Harmony:

<https://acappella.org/praise-and-harmony/>

## ***Tithes and Offerings***

Several members have asked how to give their tithe to the Lord during this time. There are three options that allow me to enter your information in for tax purposes.

April 5, 2020 – Tithes & Offerings - \$2,270.00
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- 1) If you use on-line bill pay with your bank or credit union, set up a payee for Port Orchard Church of Christ. Your bank will mail your check for you. Other members have been doing this and it works well.
- 2) Mail tithe check to the Church. We have a lock mail box.
- 3) Or drop the check in an envelope into our mailbox out front of the building.

### Church Address:

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Port Orchard, Wa. 98366

Any questions, please give me a call.  
God bless you,  
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