

**A Publication of the Port Orchard Church of Christ**  
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**Unity of the Differents**

*“Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”*  
Ephesians 4:3

Paul writes Ephesians to a church that seems to be divided around ethnic and cultural lines. Gentiles coming into the faith along with Jews makes for difficult church potlucks. Paul could have easily counseled the Christians to get along on a surface level, but worship separately since their customs and world views were just too different.

But Paul didn't do that.

Instead, he reminds them of where their source of unity comes from. Their unity isn't found in their ethnicity, or identical worship styles, or political views, or socioeconomic status. Their unity comes through their shared faith. Paul goes on to remind us that even though we are very different in some ways, we are ultimately the same in what God has done for us.

*“There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.”* Ephesians 4:4-6

Just because we may be from different places doesn't mean our baptism was different. Just because we may not look the same doesn't mean we serve a different Lord. Just because we vote differently doesn't mean we have a different hope.

Because we place God first and above all, we share all of this in common. And it is here in our undivided commonality of faith that we find our unity. We are all saved in the same way by the same Savior sent by the same God.

*May we seek a unity within the body of Christ that amazes the world around us and glorifies our Father in heaven.*

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Help us remember that our baptism was an act of surrender, an allegiance to you alone. Help us listen to the unifying voice and guidance of the Spirit every day, for when we all listen to you, we will be one. Help us love one another, and truly be your children by showing the world your peace. Through the name and power of our Lord and Savior, Jesus. Amen.*



- Matthew Stidham

## Gospel of Luke Class

The Bible Class on Luke, led by Trent Herbert meets on Zoom Sunday evenings at 6:00.

We're still in Chapter 16. You can find the current study questions on our web site:

[pococ.weebly.com/bulletins--newsletters.html](http://pococ.weebly.com/bulletins--newsletters.html)

## Our Prayer List

- Please continue to keep Paula in your prayers as they await more test results. Illness is a very difficult journey for a family. Please specifically lift up Troy, Chris and Sarah that God will be with them and the rest of the family. At the same time lift up praises to God for the wonderful husband and children that Paula has in her life!
- Praise - LaDonna's daughter Laurie will not need surgery.
- Laura received word from Melia that the first round of Covid Tests in the facility where Melvin and Barbara are now living showed there were no new cases of the Covid. They will find out soon regarding the second round. Pray for no new cases and visitation being opened up. Melvin and Barbara love the visits.
- Laura's aunt Joyce who has cancer.
- Trent's mother Neda, recovering from bile duct surgery.
- Pray for the Herbert family as a few of them are sick, for James Greer who had to leave before service today as he wasn't feeling well, Bonnie's daughter Penny who has been experiencing some dizziness and headaches.
- Carol Henry's son Steve's Chemo treatments.
- Mrs. Meyers will not be able to come home to her duplex. She is disappointed so please pray for her and also for her family as this is such a big adjustment for her.
- Tony DelBarto who will be having another angioplasty surgery in September.
- Sharon McDaniel's health.
- Nancy Davis for her health.
- Pat Woodrow was discharged on Tuesday of last week. She is home now. This is a praise; she is glad to be home. Pam asks that we will pray for her as she gets used to taking care of her mom again.
- Pray for Darrell who traveled to Arizona to stay with his grandson Daniel while his mom Lisa is traveling to Honduras to be with her daughter Rachelle and family. Pray for Laura who will be flying there to join Darrell and Daniel.
- Chris Mitchell gets bloodwork done.
- Pray that we, as a membership, will follow God's lead regarding the duplexes. Also to continue to look for opportunities to outreach in our community.
- Pray that God will provide those in our membership their needs.
- Pray for those in Afghanistan are anxiously waiting to be evacuated.
- Pray for Haiti and the tremendous loss from the earthquake.
- Pray for our church leaders.
- Pray for our nation and leaders worldwide to work together to bring peace through prayer and God's guidance.
- Praise God who is always with us, watching over us, protecting us and loving us unconditionally. His love never fails.

Nearly all of our background check certifications are now expired. Forms are on the bulletin board across from the office. Talk to Gary Chasteen to get updated.

## **POCOC Web Site** ( <http://pococ.weebly.com> )

- Weekly Bulletin – Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Current newsletters from Trent Herbert, Tristan Herbert and Roy Merritt. Click on **Bulletin & Newsletters**
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous recordings too:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL\\_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ) then click on the video.  
 Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.
- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online – Click on **Teachings**
- Current Event Calendar - Click on **News & Events**

<p><b>Sunday Worship</b> (10:30 am – 12:00 noon)</p> <p>There <b>WILL</b> be “in-person” worship</p> <p>Watch live stream or after our worship time:  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ</a></p>			
<b>Speaker:</b> Avery Stafford	<b>Singing:</b> Bob McDaniel	<b>Prayer:</b> Brad Orser	<b>Communion:</b> Bob McDaniel
<p><b>Classes</b></p>			
<b>Bible Classes</b> Sunday: 9:30 - 10:15am		<b>Adult:</b> Auditorium James Greer / Jim Snead	<b>Children:</b> Combined Class Downstairs
<b>Luke Class</b> Zoom Meeting: Sunday, 6:00 – 7:00 pm		Call Laura Fry or 360-876-2604 for Zoom Meeting ID	
<b>Ladies Prayer Group</b> Zoom Meeting: Tuesday, 10:00 am			
<b>Prayer Meeting</b> Zoom Meeting: Wednesday, 5:00 pm			

### ***Tithes and Offerings***

Since we are once again meeting inside the building, there is a collection box at the entrance to the auditorium. However, the other options are still available:

- 1) The collection box will be in the foyer.
- 2) Online bill-pay with your bank or credit union. Your bank will mail your check for you.
- 3) Mail your tithe/offering check directly to the Church address. We have a lock mailbox.

#### Church Address:

Port Orchard Church of Christ  
 4135 Carr Lane SE  
 Port Orchard, WA 98366

August 22, 2021 – Tithes & Offerings – \$ 1,534.77

If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104

### **Happy Birthday!**

**September:** Savanna Wilson – 1, Sydney Monk – 4, Barbara Byrd – 9, Dave Lawrence – 13, Jon Powless – 15, Kayli Benjamin – 17, Eloise Gerard – 17, Charlie Fender – 21, Pam Woodrow – 25, Eunice Orser – 29

## One Another Song

Acappella Children

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth  
And in my beginning, God made me

Chorus:

Bear with one another  
Share with one another  
Care for one another  
Give your life away  
Reaching one another  
Teaching one another  
Loving one another's the way

If you are confessing that Jesus is Lord  
And heaven professing your final reward  
If you're really following Jesus each day  
Then loving one another's the way  
(chorus)

If you see a brother who's fallen apart  
And you know the answer is God in His heart  
But you close your eyes, you don't show him the way  
Then love is just a game that you play  
(chorus)

If Jesus is really alive in this church  
We'll show the solution to people who hurt  
Jesus loves me and Jesus loves you  
And, Jesus I love loving you  
(chorus)

Repeat Chorus  
(Love one another) Loving one another's the way  
(Love one another) Loving one another's the way  
Love's the way



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Watch and Listen to the song here...



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xb1bx3hYfzg>

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### One Another Song

From the Acappella Children  
album

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