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Cultivate God's Precious Gift

Loneliness . . . the word is one of the most frightening that I know. Imagine living your life apart from others. Imagine having no contact with anyone. Imagine total isolation. The picture is bleak and dreary, isn't it?

Friendship . . . the word is one of the most comforting that I know. Imagine living your life surrounded by a caring family. Imagine togetherness. Imagine a life filled with meaningful friendships. The picture is pleasing and encouraging, isn't it?

A part of human nature is the desire for companionship. We want and must be with others. God made us to be communal creatures. Do you remember the scene in the garden? "It is not good that the man should be alone," declared God. God's solution: he made Eve. God provided for the need of man. He provided companionship. It was God's first gift to man!

The world places a premium on wealth and power to the neglect of cultivating relationships. However, a truly successful person is the one who values relationships and friendships. The statement has been made that if a man is unable to love his fellow man, one is unable to love God.

Take time to cultivate relationships in your life.

by Jeff Foster

New rules from the state will bring back the face mask requirement.

This is an excerpt from the Secretary of Health State of Washington from September 13, 2021

"Every person in Washington State must wear a face covering that covers their nose and mouth when they are in a place where any person from outside their household is present or in a place that is generally accessible to any person from outside their household, subject to the exceptions and exemptions below."

The exception that applies directly to us is as follows.

" While.... actively engaged in leading religious services"

Our interpretation is that masks stay on until that individual is in front of the congregation.

Link to the full document:

[Secretary of Health State of Washington from September 13, 2021](#)

Gospel of Luke Class

The Luke Bible Class led by Trent Herbert meets on Zoom, Sunday evenings at 6:00. We'll be studying Chapter 18. You can find the current study questions on our web site:

pococ.weebly.com/bulletins--newsletters.html

Our Prayer List

- **McDaniels:** Please continue to pray for Matt McDaniel and his wife Lisa. Matt tested positive for Covid and now Lisa has symptoms; not as high a fever as Matt and he now is not running a temperature. Lisa's whole class including the teacher had to go home to quarantine, pray for all of those affected!
- **Both Sharon and Bob** tested negative, that is a praise! They will stay in 14-day quarantine. Continue to keep Sharon in your prayers as the doctors continue to work with her to ease her discomfort.
- **Angela:** Yesterday the oxygen level for Angela was still not going up enough so they put her on a BiPAP machine, which is pressurized oxygen to help her. I talked with the nurse this morning and finally her level is up to 98% which is a huge praise as well, they got her med list transferred over and Angela seems anxious but pleasant, just hard when she can't speak with family. Since I was near her but not within the 6 ft range for very long no more than a couple minutes at a time, Darrell and I are going to stay away from folks for at least 5 days. We feel confident that we were not infected but feel it wise to be cautious for a few days to make sure there are no symptoms. * Update: Before this was sent out the doctor called with an update on Angela. We are so thankful for all of you that prayed for Angela. The doctor shared that yesterday they were very worried for Angela and had her evaluated by the ICU doctors because they weren't sure she could tolerate the mask and they were considering intubation. She is a long way from coming home but is improving, they will try to wean her off of the machine and back to the high concentrate O2 through the nose.
- **Sneads:** Please pray for the Snead family, their daughter Kirschon, husband Gus and daughter Aubri have all tested positive for Covid. May God protect them all and bring them back to full health.
- **Debbie:** Tanya Howard's dear friend Debbie is suffering greatly with pain and it appears there are multiple areas of cancer. Today she was admitted to the hospital. Debbie needs our strong prayers to comfort her and her family and to be with all the doctors that attend her.
- **Warners and Van Leuven:** They are both traveling please pray for their safety as they travel!
- **Ladonna:** Praise that her daughter Laurie's procedure went well, only 2 1/2 hours, they will probably release her tomorrow.
- **Woodrows:** Pat Woodrow is healing well enough that she doesn't have to go back to the doctor until next month. Keep Pam in your prayers for her pain in her leg.
- **Byrds:** Pray for all of the family while they remain separated because of Covid concerns at the facility. Pray for peace and safety for Melvin and Barbara.
- **Aunt Joyce:** Treatments ending but after effects from radiation on the rise.
- **The Hill family:** Pray for Sarah as she is away at school. Pray for Paula she has had some complications and hopefully next week will begin her treatments, pray for Troy as he journeys this path with his dear wife.
- **The Lord's Church in Port Orchard**
- Pray for guidance and strength and wisdom for

all the body of Christ. may His Spirit be with us all.

- Charlotte Hahn and niece Pat
- Charlotte is doing well at Liberty Place, please continue to lift up her sweet niece (the one who always drove her to church) she is undergoing continued treatment for bone marrow cancer.
- Karn family: A friend of Julia's was exposed to Covid, all are awaiting testing and results. The Karn family is also in quarantine until they know more.
- Chasteen family: We have all gone through the illness of family members and the 4-legged ones are pretty rough. Please keep Ziggy and his family in your prayers as they care for him and his cancer.
- Carol and her son Steve: Pray for Steve as he continues his treatments, Lord bless him and give him and his mother peace as we continue to pray for healing
- Elizabeth: She is our homeless lady in the parking lot, she needs shelter and her demons don't allow her to receive the help she needs, please pray for wisdom and intervention for all that are trying to help her get to a safe and protected place.
- Tristen Herbert: Tristen is home for just a short visit, he is still in the field with AIM but plans on moving forward with his goals towards attending Sunset.- Protect him in his travels and help him to achieve his goals to serve our Lord wherever he is called.
- James and Connie Greer and their family: Keep this precious family in your prayers, James is such a blessing with his teaching, but a lot of times he is just exhausted. Connie suffers from pain that inhibits her ability to rest or participate in the activities she wants to be involved in.

Pray that solutions for both of them can be found by their doctors and pray that they will both be renewed with energy and good health as they serve others for the Lord.

- Our schools; teachers and kids need to be in the classroom but there is risk and they need prayers.
- Thank you all for your prayers, keep them coming for all of our members and their families. There are many extended family members of our church that are suffering with Covid, God knows their names, you are the Lord's army pray like the warriors you are!
- Thank you, thank you so much!
- Gary, Tammy and Amanda's family recovering from COVID
- The Fry's niece Angela who has Covid.
- Matt McDaniel (son of Bob and Sharon) for healing.
- Paula Hill beginning radiation treatments and healing.
- Carol Henry Smith's son Steve who will begin radiation treatments in the near future.
- Pat Hearn, the niece of Charlotte Hahn who has bone marrow cancer and is finishing up her treatments in October.
- Pat Woodrow foot healing.
- Tristen Herbert's return soon back to Texas to continue his work with AIM.
- All those that are dealing with illnesses and concerns that we aren't aware of but God is.
- Melvin and Barbara Byrd and Charlotte Hahn as they adjust to their new homes.
- Our medical staff and those having to deal with all the problems associated with Covid.
- Our nation, our first responders, medical personnel, leaders.

To submit a prayer request for the prayer list, contact Bonnie Mitchell at mitbem0519@gmail.com, or 360-265-3266.

If your background check has expired, please take care of that. The list of expiration dates is on the bulletin board across from the office. Blank forms are also there and can be turned in to Gary Chasteen or Jon Powless.

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 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**

Sunday Worship (10:30 am – 12:00 noon) Watch live stream or after our worship time: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ			
Speaker: Darrell Fry	Singing: Jon Powless	Prayer:	Communion: Dave Snypp
Classes			
	Adult: Auditorium James Greer / Jim Snead	Children: Combined Class Downstairs	
Luke Class Zoom Meeting: Sunday, 6:00 – 7:00 pm		Call Laura Fry or 360-876-2604 for Zoom Meeting ID	
Ladies Prayer Group Zoom Meeting: Tuesday, 10:00 am			
Prayer Meeting 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

September 19, 2021 – Tithes & Offerings – \$ 4,785.00

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

Happy Birthday!

September: Pam Woodrow – 25, Eunice Orser – 29

October: Tm Duffy – 4, Kristi Hall – 4, Bob McDaniel – 8, Lisa Bratcher – 13, Brian Bungart – 15, Cindy Snead – 17, Brittany Pringle – 19, Paula Hill – 20, Laura Fry – 24, Sandi Warner – 25