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Thank You to the Caregivers

Anthropologist Margaret Mead was once asked what the earliest sign of human civilization was among discovered fossils and artifacts. She didn't offer writings, drawings, weapons, or utensils as her answer. She said it was a human femur which showed evidence of a break and then complete healing. It usually takes a broken femur four to six months to heal, and a person would be very limited in hunting, gathering, or other actions of the ancient world which were necessary for survival. So this fossilized bone is a sign that other humans took care of this injured human during his or her time of healing. And this, according to Margaret Mead, is the first sign of civilized community - humans who take care of one another.

Many of you have been put in positions of caregiving - maybe to a spouse with dementia, to a child with a disability, to an aging parent, or to a friend recovering from surgery. Some even take on full-time caregiving work as a profession and become "experts" (if there is such a thing) in meeting the needs of those who are sick or dying. The caregiving work of a mother, especially with all the needs of young children, can be exhausting work. So why do we exhaust ourselves? Put professional careers on pause or even bring them to an end? Sacrifice income? Sacrifice sleep? Sacrifice vacation time? All for the sake of meeting the needs of hurt or disabled family members and friends. And sometimes we do it with the knowledge that the person's condition will likely end in death.

We do so because we know that God's mercies are new to each of us every morning (**Lamentations 3:22-23**). Every day is a gift. Every quality breath a person can take is worth the care to allow it. And if we have a gift of mercy in our hands, we are to offer that gift to others with cheerfulness (**Romans 12:8**). The Samaritan in Jesus' **Luke 10** parable is never referred to as "good." Jesus calls him the one who "proved to be a neighbor" (**10:36**). The lawyer called him "the one who showed mercy" (**10:37**). Whatever you want to call him, make sure you don't miss what Jesus says about how we respond to the Samaritan's actions: "Go and do the same" (**10:37**).

To those who offer care to others, thank you. Your work is vital. It is a Christlike ministry of mercy. Keep going and doing the same.

To His Glory,

- Caleb Cochran

*Just a
thought...*

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"

Matthew 25:40 NIV

Our Prayer List



North Kitsap Community NDP Event
5/4/23 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM
Gateway Fellowship Poulsbo, WA

- Paula Hill had another surgery on Monday and it went well. Hopefully, this is the last one.
- Amber Broede's c-section has been rescheduled for today (4/19) Pray for a successful surgery and recovery. Pray for her and Nick and their precious baby
- Please lift Gary White up in your prayers. He was in the ER last week with a bad kidney infection. He is still in pain. Pray for his healing.
- It is with great sadness that Kari Schmeltzer's father, Lucille Lowe's son, passed away today. Please pray for the family for peace that only God can give.

- Pray for the family and loved ones of Heather Velez's aunt who passed away last week yesterday.
- Request from Brooke Armenta: Please pray for me. I've been so light headed and dizzy it scares me. This year has been so hard for me and my family. I'm praying for healing over my body and blessings of peace. Thank you.
- Continued prayers are requested for Daniel (Fry's grandson) and his mother, Lisa.
- Lynn and Virginia Chapman aren't recovering very quickly from the flu they had. Pray for their recovery.
- Tony DelBarto is now at home and is daily improving. He is grateful for all the prayers on his behalf.
- Lift Mary Carter and her loved ones in prayers over the passing of her husband Ruben.
- Keep Barbara Byrd in your prayers. She isn't doing very well.
- Pray for Paula Hill's father, Ken Stratton who is recovering from a fall and is in a lot of pain.
- Pray for Jim Scott and family over the passing of his wife Theresa.
- Please continue prayers for Zach and Meredith's twins who are now at 2 lbs. and are growing. The concerns are their brains are ok.
- Please add our recent baptisms to your prayer list so we can help them grow: Greg Wood and his daughter Alexia Wood, Stafford Carter, Stan Whisenant, Hal Williams, Rich Hurd, Barbra Forani, Ben Thomas, and Danika Armenta and Josephine Saiz.
- Pray for the Mercy Mobile ministry, led by Cisco and Heather Velez as they minister to the homeless.
- Pray for the people of Ukraine.
- Remember to thank and praise God for our many blessings, both physical and spiritual.
- Pray that the rampant drugs running in our community can be curtailed.
- Pray for wisdom for those who enforce drug abuse and for their safety.
- Pray for our leadership team and all our ministries.

Mercy-Mobile Fund-Raising Day Sunday, April 30, 2023

There will be a special offering Sunday morning April 30th to allow us to continue to be involved in the Mercy-Mobile ministry as they continue to provide food to the homeless in South Kitsap.

This ministry not only provides food for the homeless, but has also brought people to a saving relationship with Jesus Christ.

- Matthew 25:40

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ then click on the desired video.
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Sunday Worship for April 23, 2023 (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed for Children’s Church after communion) Watch live-stream or after our worship time: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAKOYw7JOR9ZIQ					
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing Fuzzy Volpitta	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Greg Warner	Communion: Cisco Velez	Offering: Wayne Hammock
May Servers – Brian Bungart Dave Lawrence Elijah Herbert Terry Bratcher					
9:30 am Adult Class: Auditorium Trent Herbert			Children Class: Downstairs Two Classes: children and pre-teen		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					
Men’s Fellowship Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am			Ladies in the Word Conference Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		
Bible Class & Prayer Ephesians (in person or on Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm			Ladies Prayer Group LaDonna's home Thursdays 10:00 am		
Port Orchard Church of Christ 4135 Carr Lane SE Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-876-2604 - churchpococ@gmail.com			April 16, 2023 Tithes & Offerings – \$ 2,283.00		
			If you have any questions, please give me a call. God bless you. Gary Chasteen (cell) 360-731-4104		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					

Communion and Tithes & Offerings

The bread and fruit of the vine will be served during our communion time. You also have the option to pick up your communion supplies as you enter the auditorium. It contains both the juice and the bread.

There are also a few options for giving your tithes & offerings:

- 1) The collection box is in the foyer at the entrance to the auditorium.
- 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 below. We have a lock mailbox.

Happy Birthday!

May: Isaac Benjamin – 2, Gary Chasteen – 3, Julia Karn – 17, Barbara Chasteen – 25, Levi Herbert – 26.

June: Judy VanLeuven – 11, Obidiah Herbert – 14, Miki Gross – 23, Kenny Benjamin – 24, Greg Warner – 29, René Powless – 29, David Pilita – 26.

It Is Well With My Soul

Verse 1

When peace like a river
attendeth my way
When sorrows
like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot
You have taught me to say
It is well,
it is well with my soul

Chorus

It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul

Verse 2

Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come
Let this blest
assurance control
That Christ has regarded
my helpless estate
And has shed
His own blood for my soul
(chorus)

Verse 3

My sin oh the bliss of
this glorious thought
My sin, not in part
but the whole
Is nailed to the cross
and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord,
praise the Lord, oh my soul
(chorus)

Verse 4

And Lord, haste the day
when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back
as a scroll
The trump shall resound
and the Lord shall descend
Even so,
it is well with my soul
(chorus)



youtube.com/watch?v=VbNm_Kdez8o

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