

**A Publication of the Port Orchard Church of Christ  
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**LOVE MATTERS!**

When it comes to love, there are various matters of it which need to be discerned. Love is to be genuine. (i.e., Romans 12:9) Love is to be properly placed. (1 John 2:15) Love is to bear godly characteristics. (1 Corinthians 13:4-7) Without love, life's actions are actually full of emptiness. (1 Corinthians 13:1-3) We are also to love as the Lord has loved us. (John 13:34) All of these are significant matters associated with true love! Love matters!

Our willingness to love also matters relative to our relationship with God as John stated...

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.” (1 John 4:7-8 ESV)

According to John, the degree to which we love says something about how well we know God! To understand love is part of God's very essence, being His child would mean to also share that likeness! Love matters!

John went on to write...

“We love because he first loved us. 20If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.” (1 John 4:19-21 ESV)

Are we a true lover or a liar? What is our life revealing? Relative to our relationship with God and others, love matters tremendously! True love has been initiated by God, is received into our own life, and is to move from us to touch the lives of others. Love for God and others is to be acknowledged as foundational (i.e. Matthew 22:37-40) to our life in connection with all we do and say! Love matters! May love -- as God has defined it and revealed it -- remain a matter of importance to us!

Have a great day **ACKNOWLEDGING THE MATTERS OF THE LOVE THAT MATTERS!**

- Carl Hanson

**END OF SUMMER  
BBQ AT THE FRY'S!**

When: August 19<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM

Where: 1468 Woods Rd E, Port Orchard - (Darrell and Laura Fry's home) 360.710.7859

All families are invited! Please ask your neighbors and friends. Parking can be a little challenging but we had a wonderful turnout last year and look forward to seeing you all!

If you could text how many in your family are attending, that would make it easy to have enough hamburgers and hot dogs!

## Our Prayer List

- Continue to pray for Heather's younger brother Chris Chilton was told he has kidney cancer. He will be seeing the doctor on August 30th about having the kidney removed. Please pray for Chris.
- Continue to pray for Brooke Armenta's healing.
- Please continue to pray for the McDaniel & Celletti families
- Pray for the children who will be starting school soon.
- For all those who are struggling for many different reasons, pray for them to find peace.
- Bruce and Debbie Sharp (friends of Judy Van Lueven) would like prayers for their grandson Adam who is 16 and has been diagnosed with brain cancer. Pray for his medical team as they proceed with treatment and for his healing. Pray also for the family.
- Please continue daily lifting up prayers for Barbara Chasteen's recovery and for Gary also.
- Pray for Cindiann Bradburn who is having concerns about the safety of her children. Pray she will make the right decisions.
- We received a request from Viola Cleo Bradshaw through our church website for healing for herself and for Cordelia Vogel for healing and family.
- Prayers for our SLT and ministries.
- Remember to thank and praise God for our many blessings – both physical and spiritual.

### **Potluck!**

August 13, 2023  
After our morning  
worship service

### **Labor Day Weekend Family Camp-out**

Sunday September 3rd thru  
Monday, September 4th  
Invite your friends and family

### **Attention All Women**

We will begin a Secret Sisters meeting in September. The women from Ekklesia will also be joining us.

It will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, beginning in September and going through June.

If you are looking to get closer to God and to have closer unity with your sisters in Christ, then this is for you.

September 14<sup>th</sup> will be our first meeting. It will be an orientation and name drawing. We will always have a meal prepared at the meeting to enjoy dinner together.

We will spend time with a devotional and prayer, as well as having craft nights, game nights, and theme nights.

The goal of this group will be to encourage each other as well as to get to know each other better.

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

- Weekly Bulletin – Go to <http://pococ.weebly.com/> then click on Bulletin & Newsletters
- Pre-Covid audio sermons are also still online. Click on Teachings
- Current Event Calendar - Click on News & Events
- Live stream of worship services on YouTube Channel - Previous video recordings, too:  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL\\_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ) then click on the desired video.  
Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.



<b>Sunday Worship for</b> <b>August 13, 2023</b> (10:30 am – 12:00 – noon) (Children are dismissed for Children's Church after communion) 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>					
Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing Jon Powless	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Cisco Velez	Communion: Fuzzy Volpitta	Offering: Fuzzy Volpitta
August Servers – Brian Bungart   Nio Velez   Elijah Herbert   Terry Bratcher					
<b>9:30 am Adult Class:</b> Auditorium Led by Trent Herbert			<b>Children Class:</b> Downstairs Two Classes: children and pre-teen		
Call Laura Fry or the Church Office (360-876-2604) for Zoom Meeting ID					
<b>Men's Fellowship</b> Downstairs Fellowship Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am			<b>Ladies in the Word</b> Upstairs Overflow Room Tuesdays - 10:00 am		
<b>Bible Class &amp; Prayer</b> Colossians (in person or on Zoom) Wednesdays: 5:00 - 6:00 pm			<b>Ladies Prayer Group</b> 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			August 6, 2023 - Tithes & Offerings – \$ 2,977.00		
			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!**

**August:** Thias David – 12, Terry Bratcher – 17, Connie Greer – 20, Hanna Herbert – 22, Dave Snypp – 25, Shirley Olson – 3

**September:** Savanna Wilson – 1, Sydney Monk – 4, Dave Lawrence – 13, Jon Powless – 15, Kayli Benjamin – 17, Pam Woodrow – 25, Eunice Orser – 29

## I Lift My Hands

### Verse 1

Be still there is a healer  
His love is deeper than the sea  
His mercy is unfailing  
His arms a fortress for the weak  
Let faith arise; Let faith arise

### Chorus

I lift my hands to believe again  
You are my refuge  
You are my strength  
As I pour out my heart  
These things I remember  
You are faithful God  
Forever

### Verse 2

Be still there is a river  
That flows from Calvary's tree  
A fountain for the thirsty  
Your grace that washes over me  
Let faith arise; Let faith arise

### Bridge

Let faith arise let faith arise  
Open my eyes open my eyes  
Let faith arise let faith arise  
Open my eyes open my eyes

### Ending

Let faith arise; Let faith arise

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**I will sing of your strength,  
in the morning I will sing of your love;  
for you are my fortress,  
my refuge in times of trouble.  
You are my strength,  
I sing praise to you;  
You, God, are my fortress,  
my God on whom I can rely.**

**- Psalms 59:16-17**



SONG  
OF THE  
WEEK



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### I Lift My Hands

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