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Missing the Beauty

We hit the beach last Monday morning with the aim to hike out to Glass Beach and hunt for sea glass! My adult daughter and 6-year old grand-daughter came along on the hike. We had planned this outing for about a week and looked forward to getting out to our target spot on the beach to hunt for the prized sea glass. On this day, however, the destination, wasn't as important as the journey. In life we make plans with a specific destination in mind and try to get there as quickly as possible. We try really hard to avoid obstacles and distractions along the way in order to expedite our journey. In the end, however, we are schooled by our children who hold a greater appreciation for the beauty that surrounds us.

On the day of our hike an observer could have overheard the hike leader (me) saying, "come on Karlee, let's keep on going. We've just got to get around that point up the beach." Karlee, in the meantime, was loving the new tide pool we had just come upon. It was filled with sea anemones and tiny crabs. Each tide pool offered new thrills for Karlee and reality finally set in after about two hours of slowly making our way down the beach. Karlee didn't care if we ever made it down to glass beach. She was loving her own personal hunt of the teeming life found in each tide pool. Her Papa, of course, wanted to quickly by-pass each in order to get down the 2 ½ mile beach that led out to the prime sea glass zone.

Was I disappointed? Maybe I was for just a minute. After about two hours of tide pool hunting, I finally resigned myself to the realization that it didn't really matter if we ever made it out to Glass Beach. Karlee was having a great time with her Mama and Papa hunting for the beauty of God's creation. The seventy to a hundred-year-old artifacts that now littered Glass Beach were of no importance. The normal sixty-to-ninety-minute walk had now turned into three hours when we finally arrived out at Glass Beach.



I pushed our little troupe down the beach a little further to the prominent upturned tree stump that I typically used as my marker to start hunting for sea glass. Karlee questioned if we were finally there and then she proceeded to climb the amazing tree stump that I had never recognized as a great jungle gym! Again, my sea glass hunting agenda was pre-empted by Karlee's enjoyment of beauty! In her own way Karlee appreciated the beauty around her and I eventually appreciated her joy and joined in.

Each of us holds many personal agendas in this life but we at times miss the most important moments in our journey. We are surrounded by opportunities to enjoy God's beauty but more importantly we just might miss the moments that will be remembered for a life-time. The hunt for those little crabs will never be forgotten and that climbing stump on the beach will be a fond memory. Don't miss the beauty that is all around you and especially grab hold of moments of beauty that might not pass your way again.

- Tim Blair

Our Prayer List

- Praise that Jim Snead was able to bring Cindy home. Prayers for her continued healing.
- Wayne Hammock still needs prayers after having back surgery. He is home recovering.
- Continue praying for the healing of Vann Teav who suffered a stroke.
- Isaac Benjamin is having some tests to determine treatment for his asthma.
- Freddie ,who was critically injured in an accident caused by a drunk driver, is now out of ICU. Praise and continued prayers for his long road of recovering.
- Nancy Armenta is waiting on some more information regarding procedure with her current medical issues.
- Please keep Brooke Armenta in your prayers for healing.
- Congratulations to Charlie Fender and all those graduating.
- Pray for all who are traveling or vacationing.
- Pray for our SLT and ministries.
- Be grateful through prayer and thanksgiving for all that we have been blessed with.
- Pray for our church.

Barbara Byrd's Memorial Service

Thursday, June 29th at 4:00 PM
with viewing at 3:00 PM
prior to the service.

Port Orchard Church of Christ



"Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure. The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance. I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me. I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, nor will you let your faithful one see decay. You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."

- Psalms 16:5-11

*Just a
thought...*

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 then click on the desired video.
 Please subscribe to be notified when new videos post or when we go live.



Sunday Worship for July 2, 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 Bob McDaniel	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Greg Warner	Communion: Dave Snypp	Offering: Trent Herbert
July Servers – Brian Bungart Nio Velez Elijah Herbert Terry Bratcher					
9:30 am Adult Class: Auditorium Led by 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 Colossians (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			June 25, 2023 - Tithes & Offerings – \$ 1,510.00		
			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!

July: Peggy Hall – 19, Sharon McDaniel – 23, Luke Orser – 25, Trent Herbert – 27.

August: Tanya Howard – 1, Elijah Herbert – 2, Winnie Wilson – 2, Thias David – 12, Terry Bratcher – 17, Connie Greer – Hanna Herbert – Dave Snypp, Shirley Olson – 30

Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;
to you our vows will be fulfilled.
You who answer prayer,
to you all people will come.
When we were overwhelmed by sins,
you forgave our transgressions.
Blessed are those you choose
and bring near to live in your courts!
We are filled with the good things
of your house, of your holy temple.
You answer us with awesome
and righteous deeds,
God our Savior,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas,
who formed the mountains by your power,
having armed yourself with strength,
who stilled the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.

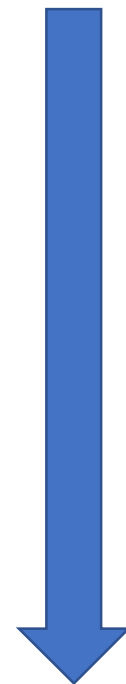
***The whole earth is filled with awe
at your wonders;
where morning dawns,
where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy.***

You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.
The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it.
You drench its furrows and level its ridges;
you soften it with showers
and bless its crops.
You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance.
The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.
The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing.

- Psalm 65

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The John 10:10 Project

Introduction to [The John 10:10 Project](#)

The Call of Creation:

<https://youtu.be/nSFrUw-SOxU>