

# A Publication of the Port Orchard Church of Christ October 15, 2023

## The Significance of Fellowship

If there was ever a pattern for the church to live by and imitate, it is Acts 2:42-47. This is the church unblemished. This is church as it should be. This does not mean the people who comprised the church were perfect. Church is messy because it is a community of imperfect people who are on a journey to be transformed into the image of Jesus. However, the model given in Acts 2 is untainted. It is what every church should be striving towards, no matter how ineffectively we execute it.

At the center of this model is fellowship. It is mentioned in verse 42 and then described in verse 46.

"Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts." (Acts 2:46)

This should come as no surprise to careful readers of the New Testament. Eating together was an integral part of Jesus' ministry. The only act of worship that Jesus himself instituted was a meal that is to be celebrated around a table. The end of Acts 2 is an extension of the life and ministry of Jesus. However, the idea of fellowship being central to the Christian faith is not always present in modern Christianity. Instead, we often view fellowship as an option or add on to the faith. It's nice but not necessary. This modern model would be quite perplexing to early Christians. They would not understand how anyone could be a follower of Jesus and never share a meal together with fellow Christians or use one's table for ministry and fellowship.

Eating together is not just a fun thing Christians do. It is the heartbeat of the church. It strengthens who we are. It allows us to form relationships so we can minister to one another. It builds bonds. It is a space where we open up, listen, and share. It is a time where we disciple and mentor people in the faith. It is an opportunity to encounter Christ as we practice being the hands and feet of Jesus to others and as they do the same for us. Jesus knew what he was doing when he called all of his followers to gather around a table each week.

- Scott Elliott



## Our Prayer List

- Wayne Hammock is requesting prayers for Diante's (husband of Sydney) family for comfort and peace. Diante's uncle Chris whom we were praying for recently passed away.
- Brian Bungart would like prayer for Hayley who is recovering from hip surgery.
- Prayers are requested for Cindiann who is having struggles with her marriage.
- Pray for Fuschia Gaskin as she recovers at home from her recent surgery.
- Pray for Troy and Paula Hill who are on a cruise and having way too much fun!
- Pray for Bonnie Mitchell who has been diagnosed with osteoarthritis in both hands; Degenerate Joint Disease – bone on bone.
- Continue to pray for recovery for Heather Velez's brother Chris Chilton, who had surgery to remove a kidney.
- Cisco's father had a heart attack. Pray for his recovery and for his upcoming surgery.
- Frankie is home in very good shape. She will be living with her daughter Lisa in Olalla. Visits can be arranged.
- Pray for protection from this new round of Covid.
- Continued prayers for the Celletti and McDaniel families.
- Pray for Brooke Armenta and Nancy Armenta who are waiting while the medical staff figures out what treatment they can do for each of them.
- Pray for our schools (the administration, teachers, and students) for a safe and productive year.
- For all those who are struggling, pray they may find peace.
- Prayers for Bruce and Debbie Sharp's son Adam who has brain cancer.
- Pray for Rebanette, who is not doing well.
- Brian Bungart's aunt (his mom's older sister) passed away. Pray for the family.
- Angie asked us to pray for her family.
- Pray for our ministries that God will lead us and our leaders.
- Praise God for all he is doing for this church; our spiritual and physical blessings and our needs.



We hope that all of you will be able to join us for 5th Sunday Singing on October 29 at 5:00 P.M. The theme for the potluck to follow the singing is autumn, of course. So, Lakeview will be responsible for Fall and Winter soups and drinks. Sister churches are being asked to bring desserts and bread rolls. Thank you!

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- 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.  
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### Sunday Worship

**October 15, 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL_SrX11URAkOYw7JOR9ZIQ)

Speaker: Trent Herbert	Singing Fuzzy Volpitta	Scripture: Trent Herbert	Prayer: Jon Powless	Communion: Brad Orser	Offering: Brad Orser
For the latest worship leader schedule, click this link: <a href="http://pococ.weebly.com/uploads/2/6/7/2/26721665/worship_leaders.pdf">http://pococ.weebly.com/uploads/2/6/7/2/26721665/worship_leaders.pdf</a>					
October Servers – Brian Bungart   Elijah Herbert   Dan Gross   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			October 8, 2023 - Tithes & Offerings – \$ 2,077.25		
			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!

**October:** Lisa Bratcher – 13, Cindy Snead – 17, Paula Hill – 20, Laura Fry – 24, Sandi Warner – 25.

**November:** Laura Beigler – 2, Brandon Zepf – 2, Jessica Zepf – 7, Brian Bungart – 15, Dan Gross – 15, Julie Snypp – 21, Renny Woodrow – 24.

## Sweet Fellowship

Fellowshipping with one another  
as we're walking in the light  
We keep on walking when we're...  
Fellowshipping with one another  
as we're walking in the light  
For there's nothing as sweet as fellowship  
as we share each other's lives  
For there's nothing as sweet as fellowship  
as we share each other's lives

When we give our hearts to each other  
you can feel His love inside  
(We keep on loving when we...)  
When we give our hearts to each other  
you can feel His love inside

For there's nothing as sweet as fellowship  
as we share each other's hearts  
For there's nothing as sweet as fellowship  
as we share each other's hearts  
Ah ah ah ah ah, ah ah ah ah ah  
Ah ah ah ah ah, ah ah hmmm

Fellowshipping with the Father  
Fellowshipping with the Lord  
Fellowshipping in the Spirit  
Fellowshipping with the Family

Fellowshipping with one another  
as we're walking in the light  
(We keep on walking when we're...)  
Fellowshipping with one another  
as we're walking in the light  
For there's nothing as sweet as fellowship  
as we share each other's lives  
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We're talking 'bout...  
Sweet Fellowship  
Sweet Fellowship  
Sweet Fellowship



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