

Port Orchard Church of Christ

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It Is Good to Give Thanks –Psalm 50:23

God has always urged His people to be thankful. The Old Testament lists a number of different offerings man was to give to God...sin offerings, fellowship offerings, guilt offerings, grain offerings, thank offerings, and more. And though the *thank offering* is listed along with all the others, it is different in that it can also be the intent of any of the other offerings. So there were sin offerings and sin offerings of thanksgiving, fellowship offerings and fellowship offerings of thanksgiving, grain offerings and grain offerings of thanksgiving, and so on.

God wants His people to be thankful and to express their thanks. Thank offerings generally involved songs of joy and gladness, celebration, praise and rejoicing, sharing stories of the acts of God. And the most common expressions of gratitude that came from all of this recognized two things about God...first of all, that “God is good” and secondly, that “His love endures forever.” (See Psalm 107).

What happens when we give thanks? What are the blessings?

Giving thanks causes us to notice the good even more, and to be more thankful. Grumbling and complaining causes us to notice the bad even more, and to be more sour.

I found this statement in the Psalms a few days ago, a statement that must have been there all along, but overlooked...by me at least.

“He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God.” - Psalm 50:23

First part, “He who sacrifices thank offerings to me...” Pretty clear. God is honored when we give thanks.

Second part, not so clear, “and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God.” Ah, getting clearer.

The one who gives thanks prepares the way so that God

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Welcome Guests

We are so glad that you decided to visit Port Orchard Church of Christ this morning! Since you took this step to join us for worship, we would like to extend to you a warm welcome. Wherever you are this morning, as we lift worship to God, we pray that you are able to leave feeling uplifted, convicted, or encouraged in your faith.

We seek to worship God like the first cen-

ture church did, with a sense of awe and with a fear of the Lord. Some things we do might seem old fashioned or traditional, but we want you to know that at its core, it is for the praise of God's glory.

You are not required to do anything weird or ostentatious. We hope that you feel free to join us in worshipping God to the best of your abilities. If you have any specific needs,

we have a ministry staff that would love to connect with you. Ask the people sitting around you for names of the ministry staff and to point them out!

Once again, we are so happy to have you here worshipping with us and we hope this is a chance to worship God in a deep and meaningful way.

Save the Dates!

Tuesday 04/30 *Ladies Meeting at*
10:30am *LaDonna Latham's*
 House

Wednes 05/01 *Prayer*
6:00pm

Thursday 05/02 *Men's Meeting*
6:30pm

Saturday 05/04 *Deacon's Meeting*
8:00am

Sunday 05/05 *Congregational*
After Services *Meeting*

Serving April 28, 2019:

Port Orchard News and Events

Sunday Preview

Dale Sanders will be giving the sermon this Sunday. Service begins at 10:45. We hope to see you here!

Happy Birthday!

April—Lori Sanders-28.

May—Isaac Benjamin-02, Gary Chasteen-03, John Bickle-05, Julia Karn-17, Barbara Chasteen-25, Levi Herbert-26, Gene Gerard-28.

Last Sunday

Special Service last Sunday. To listen, go to pococ.weebly.com/teachings.html

Sunday Nights

When: Starting April 14th at 6:30pm

Where: POCOC Auditorium

Topic: *1 Corinthians*

Prayer Leader: Wayne Hammock

Scripture Reader: Dale Sanders

Offering Thoughts: Bob McDaniel

Communion Meditation: Gene Gerard

Servers: Brandon Zepf/Greg Warner

Ushers: Rick Velasco/Dan Gross

Greeters: Karen Taylor & Sarah Hill

Prayer Partners: Dale & Lori Sanders

Sound: Isaac Benjamin

Slides/Lighting: Lisa Bratcher

Communion Prep&CleanUp: Rick Velasco

Song Leader: Jamin Mason

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Laura Fry

Youth Worship: Rachel Karn

Preaching: Dale Sanders

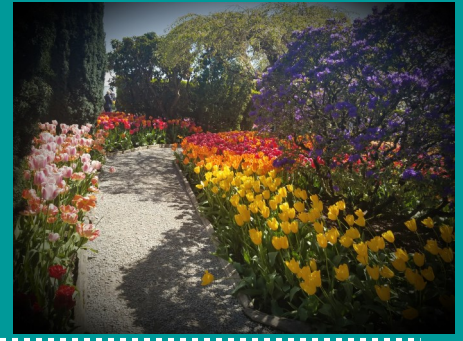


RoozenGaarde

15867 Beaver March Road

Mount Vernon, WA 98273

www.tulips.com/tulip-festival-information



Trip to Skagit Valley/RoozenGaarde

Contact Ken Avery if you are interested in going to the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival. *Ken is planning to rent a bus in order to drive some of our elders and seniors up there.* If you are interested in a seat on the bus, remember to let Ken know. Let us know too if you want to follow along in your own vehicle and go as part of the group. See address above.

Date: Monday, April 29th

Time: Meet at POCOC at 8:45am to leave at 9:00am. Estimated time of getting back to the building is 5pm depending on traffic and other delays. The bus may take the ferry on the return trip to avoid Seattle and Tacoma afternoon/evening traffic.

Clothing: Comfortable shoes for walking. One to three light warm layers you can remove or add on as needed because it is cool in the shade and warmer in the fields but when the breeze blows it can be quite cool in both. Other articles to think about: hats, sunglasses, sunblock, water bottles, hand wipes or sanitizer.

Mobility: The pathways through the RoozenGaarde fields are packed down and smooth enough for walking barefoot so wheels on chairs and other supports should have no difficulty. Paths through the garden sections of RoozenGaarde are trodden-down, flat, sparse grass in some places and flat gravel on hard-packed dirt in others. Wheels should not be a hindrance in these areas. If you have a walker with a seat, consider bringing that one for resting on.

Lunch: Pack your own lunch or snacks if you do not wish to purchase food inside RoozenGaarde. Food bought inside Roozengaarde might require cash only so be prepared.

Entry Fees: The entry fees for those 65 and up are being covered. All others are \$7, with children under age 5 being free. There is also a \$1 discount with military ID. Payment can be made by check, card, or cash. There is an ATM in the parking lot if you have need.

Gift Shop: The RoozenGaarde gift shop has a lot of very nice items including very real-looking faux tulips. If you are interested, the shop is worth a browse.

Cameras: You will want to take pictures so bring a camera! Visitors are allowed to go about 3 feet in between the rows in the fields but no further as foot traffic harms the bulb crop.

Our Prayer List

Healing:

Brad Peterson, Baby Maddy Read, Clyde Griffin, Rachel Karn, Those Suffering from Colds and Allergies

Encouragement:

Family of Baby Zane, Barbara Chasteen (ankle), Family of Baby Tommy, Bobette Dehlin's Family, Randy Knox and Family, LaDonna Latham & Family, All Children in the Memory Verse/Bible Reading Program, Tiny Village Team, Our Congregation

Other:

Northwest Mission, For those who fear the possible Tiny Cabin Village, Our families, nation, President Trump and leaders. Our ministries, Deacons & Congregation.

April 21, 2019

Worship: 99

Class: No Class

Offering: \$2,185.14

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may show that *thanksgiver* His salvation. (Go back and read it again.)

When we give thanks God is honored. And when we give thanks we open the door for God and His salvation. I want that door open! And so do you!

See, it is good to give thanks!

-Melvin Byrd

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