

# The Pacific Northwest

Though you may not have noticed it, Spring is here. No, really, it is! Spring! Well the calendar shows that it is. Anyway, I saw the sun yesterday for a little while. At least I think it was the sun. There were shadows on the ground here and there and several places.

The dogs were not quite so reluctant to go outside and were shivering and scratching at the door two seconds after being let out. Yeah, I think spring is actually here. I don't know about you, but I'm pretty glad.

I've actually been surprised at how quickly buds have covered the branches of some of the trees and how those buds have exploded into blossoms. Maybe soon temperatures will warm up, maybe the rains will cease and the sun will become a more common visitor in our skies.

I've just got to tell you though, I love the Pacific Northwest! There is just no place like it.

I love being a part of the church in the Pacific Northwest. There is a freshness about. Still a newness, an openness, an excitement, a certain thrill about getting into the word of God, finding truth and following it, being unafraid of where our search for truth will take us.

Maybe it is the pioneer spirit of the Pacific Northwest. The call of the wild. The thrill of the hunt. Following unexplored paths. Truths yet unknown.

Mankind has yet not fully explored God. We do not know all there is to know. We have not yet found all there is to find. Truth is not yet fully known.

What a great place to be...in terms of this wonderful world and in terms of yet unexplored paths of truth. Let's walk those paths together. You want to?

-Melvin Byrd, 2011



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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 century church did, with a sense of awe and with a fear

# Save the Dates!

Sunday 4/9 Senior Saint Potluck

Tuesday 4/11 Ladies Prayer Group

Wednesday 4/12 Bible Study

Sunday 4/16 Easter

Tuesday 4/18 Ladies Prayer Group

Wednesday 4/19 Bible Study

Friday 4/21-4/23 Ocean Shores Teen Retreat

Saturday 4/29 Spring Work Party

Friday 4/28-4/30 Spring Teen Retreat

#### 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 meaning-ful way.

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# Port Orchard News and Events

# **Pulpit Preview**-

Avery Stafford will be preaching this upcoming Sunday. Worship Service begins at 10:45, we hope to see you here!

## Happy Birthday!

April has arrived, it's time to celebrate our April babies. If you see any of these following brothers and sisters make sure to wish them a Happy Birthday! Jim Snead - 4/6., Elijah Cormier, Lucille Lowe - 4/7., Charlie Fender, Brandon Karn - 4/10., Jarrod Coley - 4/12., Rick Velasco - 4/13., James Greer - 4/17., D.J Magneson - 4/21., Lori Sanders - 4/28.,

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Dale Sanders**

Dale Sanders shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message and would like to hear it, please visit the church website at pococ.weebly.com

#### **Easter Sunday**

There will not be any classes on Easter Sunday, instead we will gather for a brunch potluck prior to worship.

#### **Ocean Shores Retreat**

There will be a teen retreat out at Ocean Shores April 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. This retreat will be led by Sarah, Ryan Pike and Cody, Tiffany Rousseau. Gene will

Prayer Leader:	Darrell Fry	Communion Prep:	Barbara Chasteen
Scripture Reader:	Ken Avery	Communion Cleanup:	Bratcher Family
Offering Thoughts:	Wayne Hammock	Praise Team:	Avery Stafford
Communion Meditation:	Dave Snypp		
Servers:	Brandon Z. & John B.		
Ushers:	Troy H. & Ken A.	Sunday School & CW Helper:	Sarah B. & Laura F.
Greeters:	Dale S. & Karri S.		
Prayer Partners:	Jim S. & Carla D.	Preaching:	Avery Stafford
Sound:	Jacob H.		
Slides/Lighting:	Dale Sanders		

# Serving April 9, 2017 :



be in charge of accommodations. If you feel led to come help cook or come help in any other way, please let Gene Gerard know.

#### 2017 Spring Teen Retreat (Grades 7 - 12)

When: April 28-30, 2017 Where: Delano Bay Christian Camp Cost: No cost Retreat Theme: I am a Christian, I am a Pilgrim Registration form is available at <u>www.delanobay.org</u> Please mail registration form by Apr 21 to: Delano Bay Christian Camp P.O. Box 44347 Tacoma, WA 98448

#### Spring Work Party at Delano

There will be a work party out at Delano on April 29th at 9 a.m. We need your skills in yardwork, carpentry, cleaning, etc. to get the camp ready for summer. Join us for a day of fellowship, work, and fun! Lunch will be provided.

#### Sauk River Women's Retreat

Sauk River Women's Retreat Will be May 19th thru the 21st. Registration price is \$45.00 if postmarked before May 5th and \$60.00 at the door. Registration forms will be on the bulletin board in the foyer or you can go to the website and print your own. If you have any questions contact Karen Edwards at (360) 319-3298.

www.saukriverchristiancamp.com.

## Address Change for the Church Building

The physical address for the church building was changed as of Wednesday, April 8th. The new address here is 4135 Carr LN SE Port Orchard, WA 98366. These changes were mandated by Kitsap County in order to provide better emergency response and support services.

#### **Congregational Meeting**

In lieu of the monthly Congregational Meeting, an update was provided by Gary Chasteen regarding upcoming church activities and events. A local chapter of Alcoholics Anonymous will be meeting on Thursday evenings at 7 PM in the fellowship room. A contract has been let to replace the front room windows of the duplexes, which will modernize the homes and increase energy efficiency for the tenants.

# **Our Prayer List**

# **Prayer requests:**

**Healing:** Jennifer Delav

Barbara Byrd Virginia Chapman Isaac Benjamin Karen Taylor's Daughter Danielle Delores Brun Wayne Hammock's son Randy

#### **Upcoming surgeries:**

Shirley Olson

#### **Encouragement:**

Seth and Sara Cartwright in China teaching, Our church, Deacons, Ministries, First Responders, Leaders and President Trump.

#### Loss of Loved Ones:

Widman Family, Woodrow Family, Mason and Avery Families, Hammock Family, Warner Family

April 2, 2017

Worship: 66 Class: 30 Offering: \$2,808.00 Goal: \$3,437.50

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## Update from the Elder Study Group

In order to better serve the congregation and fulfill it's mission, our brothers and sisters who were formerly meeting as the elder study group have reformed as the spiritual leadership group. Memebers are as follows; Lisa Bratcher, Carla Duffy, Jeff Duffy, James Co-Directors: Jeff Oden & Brandon Greer, Wayne Hammock, Lila Mason, Jim Snead, Josh Wilson and Savannah Wilson.

## Wednesday Night Bible Study

We are still meeting here at the church every Wednesday night at 6pm. Please join us as we pray for one another, worship together and break into smaller groups for a time of study.

**Delano Bay Christian Camp Dates 1st-3rd Grades** Director: Jeb Bristow-Hannah Dates: July 2 - July 5, 2017 **Price:** Deposit = \$30 **Early Registration** = \$75 Late Registration (after 6/16) = \$115

## 4th-6th Grades

York Dates: July 30 - Aug. 5, 2017 **Price**: Deposit = \$75 Early Registration = \$150 Late Registration (after 7/14) = \$200

# YTS: 7th & 8th Grades

**Director**: Ben Cook Dates: July 23 - July 29, 2017 Price: Deposit = \$75 Early Registration = \$150 Late Registration (after 7/07) = \$200

JTS: 9th & 10th Grades Director: Brad Grow Dates: July 8 - July 15, 2017 **Price**: Deposit = \$100 Early Registration = \$225 Late Registration (after 6/23) = \$275

STS: 11th & 12th Grades (& HS Graduates) **Director:** Carter Davis Dates: June 24 - July 1, 2017 **Price**: Deposit = \$100 Early Registration = \$250 Late Registration (after 6/9) = \$300

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