

Port Orchard Church of Christ



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Tiny Village Visit

On Monday, April 23, five members of the Tiny Cabin Fact-Finding Team, Gary Chasteen, Ken Avery, Lisa Bratcher, Tim Duffy, and Wayne Hammock visited a Tiny Village in Seattle (see photos throughout this bulletin). Jim Bolger, Assistant Director of Kitsap County Department of Development and Levi Holmes, a volunteer Project Manager, rode with us.

The village consists of 14 cabins located on a small lot owned by the adjoining Lutheran Church. The village is fenced and the entrance consists of a gate and a security booth. This village locks its gate at 10pm at which time the resident on call takes the key and the phone to their cabin. A resident wanting entry after the gate is locked must call the resident on duty that will then open and relock the gate. While the gate is open, the security booth is manned and entry and exit is monitored; guests must sign in and out. This is called a high-bar village. It has the highest standards for residency selection. Only referrals are considered and prior screening ensures this village houses only low risk individuals. Sexual offenders are not considered and there is zero tolerance for violence and drug and/or alcohol use. This particular village has a

\$90 monthly electricity cost so all the residents must have an income.

Within, the village is self-managed. This one has 3 elected positions: security, bookkeeper, and arbitrator. Larger villages would have additional elected positions, for instance, kitchen manager, bathroom/shower manager, and external liaison. Security is responsible for ensuring the entrance is manned while the gate is open and managing the key and phone when the gate is closed. The bookkeeper takes care of resident's paperwork, and the arbitrator is the first step in handling differences and disagreements. For issues not resolved at the village level there is a process in place to help. The village has a standard set of rules/guidelines that all must agree to and they may also add rules of their own. For example, this village has a rule about not spitting in the area in front of the cabins. They consider the area in front of the cabins their living room, despite being outside and covered in gravel. Michelle, a resident, commented, "who spits in their living room? That's not what people do".

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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 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!

Sunday 05/13 *Potluck*
After Services *Cancelled*

Wednesday *Pray, Pray, & Pray*
05/16 *John 14:12-13*
6:00-7:00 pm

Sunday 05/20 *Class of 2018*
Celebration

Serving May 13, 2018:

Port Orchard News and Events

Sunday Preview

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

Happy Birthday!

May: Isaac Benjamin-02, Gary Chasteen-03, Anna Harris-04, John Bickle-05, Brandon Delay-09, Julia Karn-17, Barbara Chasteen-25, Levi Herbert-26, Gene Gerard-28, Sarah Hill-31, & Shauna Soete.

Last Sunday

Vincente Huerta shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message, please visit the church website at pococ.weebly.com to listen.

Garage Sale for Manger Scene Fund

Donations for the garage sale are still being collected. Contact Barbara Chasteen or Rick Velasco for drop-off information.

Class of 2018 Celebration

We will celebrate the high school graduations of Sarah Hill, Jacob Hammock, and Myron David during the service next Sunday, May 20th. Refreshments are taken care of and will be provided following the service.

Prayer Leader: Bob McDaniel
Scripture Reader: Darrell Fry
Offering Thoughts: Wayne Hammock
Communion Meditation: Ken Reinke
Servers: David Lawrence & Tim Duffy
Ushers: Terry Bratcher & Brandon K.
Greeters: Deloris Lawler & Lori Sanders
Prayer Partners: Terry & Lisa Bratcher
Sound: Dale Sanders
Slides/Lighting: Dale Sanders

Communion Prep: Rick Velasco
Communion Cleanup: Reinke Family
Song Leader: Gene Gerard

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Laura Fry
Youth Worship: Jessica Zepf
Preaching: Darrell Fry



Mountain States Children's Home Cans

We have a bunch of new cans in the foyer for the Mountain States Children's Home coin drive. Please take one home and fill it up over the next several months. The campaign ends August 12. Last year, our congregation raised over \$600 for MSCH just by collecting our loose change.

Bunco Night Fundraiser from Paula Hill

Paula and Sarah will be hosting another fabulous Bunco night. Mark your calendars for Friday, May 11 from 6-8 pm. Please bring a white elephant gift, (this could be baked goods or something you've been wanting to pawn off on someone else. Lol) It will be a potluck style dinner so if you are able, please bring a dish or finger foods to share. It's an easy game to learn. No skills needed. Child care will be provided if needed. Any questions, call Paula or Sarah (360) 674-7181.

Communion for Our At-Home Members

There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those willing to take to and share communion with our members who cannot travel to services. If you are able to perform this service, sign up in the foyer. You will be contacted in the coming week as we have several members in need of this fellowship.

Kids and Tweens Talent Show

When: Sunday, June 10th

Where: POCOC Potluck

Register: Sarah Benjamin or Karen Taylor

For this potluck, Tweens will be providing desserts for donations for the Ghana Project.

Our Prayer List

Healing:

Pam Woodrow

Laura Fry

David Latham

Clyde Griffin, Laura Fry's father
All Those Friends & Relatives Undergoing Treatments for Cancer

Encouragement:

Karen Taylor

Tiny Cabin Fact-Finding Team

Travelling:

Don Jordan

Other:

2018 Graduates

Our children, church, nation, President Trump and ministries.

That God will bless our deacons with wisdom in reaching the many decisions they are entrusted with.

Direction of our congregation.

May 6, 2018

Worship: 79

Class: --

Offering: \$4,326.67

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The minimum suggested number of residents for a successful village is 20 (residents not cabins). They have found it takes 20 people to staff and support the security booth full time and to manage the other chores within the village. The village is clean and orderly and they strive to be good neighbors. We saw multiple residents: one had a cat, two had disabilities, there were several seniors, and a couple of middle-aged folks. We were able to interact with 3 of the residents and Michelle spent about 30 minutes talking with us, telling us about life in the village and the external support structure. Each of them expressed gratitude for having a safe place to sleep and for being a part of the village. There appears to be a good relationship with the hosting church, which invites them for breakfast Sunday mornings and has allowed them to remain in



Please keep an eye on the Tiny Cabin display in the foyer. There's a lot of good information there you'll want to read.

place for several years. The church has asked for and received resident volunteers for a variety of projects.

We spent time talking with Josh Castle, Director of Advocacy & Community Engagement with LIHI (Low Income Housing Institute) who is contracted by the city to manage the villages. It was a good experience and the visit was very informative.

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