

Port Orchard Church of Christ



Gabriela Martinas, 13, Romania: Needing a sponsor. No running water nor electricity for winter. 5 brothers and sisters. Diet is whatever parents can afford.

Sheila Jepkurui, 16, Kenya: Lost her sponsor just before taking the national exam that will allow her to go to high school or trade school. Her family are subsistence farmers and she is a hard worker. She will be forced to drop out of school if she doesn't gain a new sponsor.



Claudio Salgado, 7, Honduras: Needing a sponsor. Father farms to provide for his family. Life is difficult in his small village. Jobs are hard to come by.

## Texas, USA

In the late 1990s, the plight of orphans in Romania was something that was on the news frequently. I became very intent on being a missionary to Romania. I took steps to learn the language, determined that I would be a registered nurse, and prayed for these children for hours. Growing up in NM, we attended the annual Red River Family Encampment (RRFE) in the Red River Valley every year with members of our congregation. RRFE was a huge, week-long gathering of churches of Christ members from all over the country; a gigantic gospel meeting, if you will. Booths for missions were also set up and one of them was hosting Imogene McAnulty missionary to Bucharest, Romania and affiliated with CRF. I convinced my mom (it wasn't that hard) to sponsor one of McAnulty's children. I spent the entire time I was there determined to find her and talk to her, plotting it out in my mind and how to form the words, how to move through the crowd to get there. I spoke to Imogene as best I could (I had some social difficulties in those days and the only thing that made me talk to her was my fixation and devotion to going to Romania). Nothing else mattered. I don't re-

member much of her nor her personality except for thinking that my words probably sounded hollow to her. I knew how big my plan was. I knew how difficult it would be and I also was aware of all the problems I had that would interfere. A May 1, 2010 article by Joy McMillon from The Christian Chronicle describes her as being "a whirlwind of energy". She was a model for me, but my own personal problems interfered with my ability to do the things that a missionary must do: strong social skills being the most prominent. A person has to be capable of asking for financial assistance, have no serious mental health issues like anxiety disorders, have people around them who believe they can do the work, etc. and all of these assets hinge on the person's social ability. These things prevented me from Romania and I went through a grieving process, over years, because I had failed to do that thing that I knew God wanted me to do. I knew that God did not condemn me for failing to go and I could almost hear Him saying, "I know you want to do these things, little one, but it is not for you. I know how much you have given, but it is not for you to go. Others must go."

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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!

**Wednesday 05/07** Pray, Pray, & Pray  
**6:00-7:00 pm** John 14-12-13

**Saturday 05/05** Deacons  
**8:00 am** Meeting

**Sunday 05/06** Congregational  
**After Services** Meeting

**Sunday 05/11** Potluck  
**After Services**

## Serving May 6, 2018:

## Port Orchard News and Events

### Sunday Preview

Vincente Huerta will be giving the sermon this Sunday: "Hide & Seek: Hebrews 4:13." 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

Darrell Fry shared a sermon with us last Sunday. If you missed his message, please visit the church website at [pococ.weebly.com](http://pococ.weebly.com) to listen.

### Class of 2018 Celebration

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

Prayer Leader: Brad Orser

Scripture Reader: Jim Snead

Offering Thoughts: Gene Gerard

Communion Meditation: Dave Snyppe

Servers: Roger Taylor & David Lawrence

Ushers: Wayne Hammock & Brandon K.

Greeters: Karen Taylor & Sarah Hill

Prayer Partners: Ken & Tammy Avery

Sound: Jacob Hammock

Slides/Lighting: Brittany Pringle

Communion Prep: Rick Velasco

Communion Cleanup: Reinke Family

Song Leader: Gene Gerard

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Bonnie Mitchell

Youth Worship: Jennifer Delay

Preaching: Vincente Huerta

## Bunco Night Fundraiser

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. Remember that this is for men and women. 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.

### Words of Our Lord as Told by Luke, 10:29-36

*But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"*

*In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'*

*"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"*

### Wages Not Keeping Pace with Housing Costs

The average wage earned by Kitsap renters is \$11.94, which is not enough to afford even a zero bedroom home. For minimum wage earners the gap is even wider – at minimum wage (\$11.00 in 2017) a household had to work 73 hours a week to afford a two-bedroom unit. To pay no more than 30% of their income on housing for a two-bedroom apartment, the housing wage is \$19.98.

#### Kitsap County Out of Reach 2017

Minimum Wage \$11.00

Mean Renter Wage \$11.94

Housing Wage for <b>Zero</b> Bedroom	\$12.67
Housing Wage for <b>One</b> Bedroom	\$15.44
Housing Wage for <b>Two</b> Bedroom	\$19.98
Housing Wage for <b>Three</b> Bedroom	\$28.54
Housing Wage for <b>Four</b> Bedroom	\$33.42

## Our Prayer List

### Healing:

John Smith

David Latham

Clyde Griffin, Laura Fry's father

All Those Friends & Relatives Undergoing Treatments for Cancer

### Encouragement:

Laura Denault

Tiny Cabin Fact-Finding Team

### Travelling:

Wilson

Terry & Lisa Bratcher

Dale & Lori Sanders

Darrell & Laura Fry

### 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.

**April 29, 2018**

Worship: 63

Class: 42

Offering: \$2,229.36

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Giving of our money and resources so that others can do the work seems so lazy. Not going out and doing the work appears to be so selfish. But the truth is, we can't all be missionaries to a developing country, where grief, pain and loss abound. Some of us have to be missionaries-in-bondage, bondage to the things in our personal lives and in our physical bodies that do not allow us to do all we want to do. We have to accept that we can only do what we can do. Our components give us unique limits that God uses. In the grand scheme, all of us working together doing what each can do on his or her own, creates the final product: the working body of Christ. Those of us who are missionaries-in-bondage are able to give the gift of opportunity to those who are physically capable of carrying out the work. When we ask God, "Why am I like this?" we hear Him say, "I AM WHO I AM." And that is enough. It is enough that God has cho-

sen to make us this way, for His purposes. And His purposes are always, always right. "It is not for you" is one of those utterances from God that we have the hardest time accepting.

Christian Relief Fund was founded in 1971 as an act of repentance by Baxter Loe. A new friend of his in India had died of starvation as the result of his complacency in sending aid. How often might we do this same thing without ever knowing? Baxter Loe was given the gift of knowing what his complacency had wrought. Since 1971, sponsors have supported thousands of children in over 30 countries. Through CRF child sponsorship, a human soul can be given Bible teaching, food, clothing, education, and medical care. In addition to child sponsorship, CRF also provides healthcare clinics, clean water programs, disaster relief, educational facilities, and church planting support around the world.

<https://christianchronicle.org/mcanulty-a-whirlwind-of-energy-for-children/>

For more information on CRF, visit [christian-relieffund.org](http://christian-relieffund.org)

### Kids and Tweens Talent Show

There is a Talent Show scheduled for June 10th during or after the potluck that Sunday. To register your act, contact Sarah Benjamin or Karen Taylor. **\*Tweens will also be providing desserts that potluck to collect donations for the Ghana Project.**

### From Sarah Benjamin

My friend is the executive director of "Taking It To the Streets Ministries," and she has given us her wish list for the homeless people they serve. We have attached her list to a bin in the foyer. If you have anything on that list, feel free to drop it in the bin. I plan on getting the supplies to "Taking It To The Streets" about once a month. Thanks so very much.

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