

Port Orchard Church of Christ

Jesus is Lifted

Jesus is Lived

Jesus is Lord



A Message from the Tiny Village Team

Last week *it was brought to our attention that there are some questions/comments about the Tiny Village Team and how it's been functioning and we'd like to take this week to address two comments brought to us.*

“The vote wasn’t fair.” The team discussed the manner of voting at length during two team meetings. Two team members were in favor of a paper ballot vote. Both cited the recent paper vote to decide if we should move forward with elders and a minister and also the concern that some people may not vote what they really want due to the public nature of a “show of hands”. Those in favor of voting with a “show of hands” talked about precedent, transparency, and about being a family in the decision/voting process and working through it together, even in disagreement. We talked about the process the deacons set in place more than three years ago when monthly business meetings were established. Since the beginning items addressed in the business meetings have been voted on by those present and with a show of hands. There didn’t seem to be a compelling reason to change that model without engaging in a broader discussion of how we are doing body business.

“The team only shared the positive comments so they could get a yes vote.” To date POCOC has received 53 written statements about the Tiny Village process, 3 negative and 49 positive. Forty-six of the positive letters came from Port Orchard United Methodist Church. Ken Avery included these in a Sunday morning sermon. We have had 3 visits that the team knows of to the building by neighbors who are opposed to the village idea, and one Sunday morning neighbors set up a canopy and handed out packets of negative information about the tiny village idea. We know of two sites on social media where you will find both negative and positive comments about tiny villages in Port Orchard. You will also find positive and negative comments beneath the Kitsap Sun articles published about the tiny village. At the POCOC garage sale five people left their names and numbers for more information. Each of them was contacted and since none of them responded their views are not known.

Primary concerns raised about a tiny village from outside the congregation have been loss of property value, safety of self/family, and security of personal property. In addition, from within the body concern has been expressed about

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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!

Wednes 09/19 *Pray, Pray, Pray*
6:00-7:00pm

Thursday 09/20 *All-Ages Teachers Meeting*
5:00pm

Monday 09/24 *LifeTouch Portraits*

Tuesday 09/25 *Get a free 8x10 & photo church directory!*
By Appt

Sunday 10/14 *Meal & Celebration of Retirees: See Bonnie Mitchell*
After Services

Serving September 16, 2018:

Port Orchard News and Events

Sunday Preview

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

Happy Birthday!

September--Savannah Wilson-01, Aaron Hanson-02, Bobbie Blair-03, Deja Cormier-05, Barbara Byrd-09, Conrad Hanson-12, Dave Lawrence-13, Rachel Bedford-14, Kayli Benjamin-17, Eloise Gerard-17, Lloyd McCallister-18, Charlie Fender-21, Melissa Bell-22, Pam Woodrow-25, Eunice Orser-29, Shawn O'Dell-29

Last Sunday

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

Elder Nominations

Candidates are Darrell Fry, Ken Avery, and Bob McDaniel.

Prayer Leader: Wayne Hammock

Scripture Reader: James Greer

Offering Thoughts: Ken Reinke

Communion Meditation: Bob McDaniel

Servers: Brandon Karn & Tim Duffy

Ushers: Roger Taylor/Terry Bratcher

Greeters: Greg & Sandi Warner

Prayer Partners: Ken & Tammy Avery

Sound: Isaac Benjamin

Slides/Lighting: Dale Sanders

Communion Prep: Rick Velasco

Communion Cleanup: Bratcher Family

Song Leader: Gene Gerard

Children's 9:30 Teacher: Combined with Tweens

Youth Worship: Kelli Keagle

Preaching: James Greer

Message from a Brother...

I believe that God is about to do amazing things through this body. We are the Body of Christ. It's my prayer that we are a family that seeks His will and follows it.

I love our family!

Blessings and Prayers for Our Future!

LifeTouch Portraits

Don't forget to sign up for a photo appointment at our building with LifeTouch. They will be here Monday and Tuesday, September 24th and 25th from noon to 7pm. Everyone who has their picture taken gets a complimentary 8x10 and a complimentary photo and address church directory. If you choose, you may purchase photo packages to share with family and friends. There are flyers with appointment sign-up link in the foyer. **If you cannot or don't want to use the computer/ internet to sign-up, call the church office and Kelli can set up an appointment for you. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Foyer on Sunday.** We need at least 15-20 families/individuals each day.

Apple Cider Press 2018

What: Eternity Wars Youth Rally

When: October 5-7

Where: Cashmere, WA

Register: <http://www.acpyouthrally.org>, (509) 720-8783, or (509) 663-0768

Cost: \$55.00 per student

Woodinville Youth Rally

What: Romans 12:3 *This is Me*

When: November 9-11, 2018

Speaker: Jon David Schwartz

WOW 2018 (Women of the Word) Ladies Day

What: Ephesians 1:3 *The Best Part of Waking Up*

When: Saturday, November 10, 9:00am-3:00pm

Where: Valley church of Christ

17221 E. Broadway
Spokane Valley, WA 99016

Speaker: Celine Sparks of Huntsville, AL

Registration forms to come!

Our Prayer List

Healing:

Don Jordan's son, Charlotte Hahn, Karen Taylor's Sister, Lynn & Virginia Chapman, Roy Vaughn, Daniel Tillman, Clyde Griffin, David Latham, Laura Fry (upcoming test) All Those Friends & Relatives Undergoing Treatments for Cancer & Addiction, All Suffering from Poor Air Quality

Encouragement:

Karen Taylor (court date Monday), Kara Mitchell (move to CO and new job), Family Caregivers, Our Number who Cannot Attend Services, Tiny Village Team

Travelling:

Dave Lawrence, Frys, Randy & Judy van Leuven

Other:

For those who fear the possible Tiny Cabin Village
Our families, nation, President Trump and leaders.
Our ministries, Deacons & Congregation as we begin to appoint Elders,
Praise for seeing new faces joining us in our services.

Sept. 9, 2018

Worship: 58

Class: No Data

Offering: \$3,055.00

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being involved with/working with the County.

The team has been working to address all of these concerns and as we've stated publicly many times the village will not move forward if these issues are not adequately addressed. Most recently the resident screening criteria, addressing all of the outside safety concerns, was shared during announcements on Sunday morning. With regard to working with the county, if the tiny village moves forward POCOC will have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County regarding the land lease and it's conditions for use and there will be a separate MOU between the County and Kitsap Rescue Mission (KRM) laying out how the village will be run. These are legal contracts with conditions that are enforceable and will address every aspect of the village. Lastly a couple of thoughts about decreasing property values:

with a two-year land lease it is very unlikely that property values will be negatively affected. We have been hosting the Westsound Treatment Centers Lighthouse program for about 2 years now and neighborhood property values have not appeared to suffer. In addition, property tax valuations by the County for our neighborhood are on par with other neighborhoods in Port Orchard according to available online tax records.

Is hosting a tiny village 100% risk free? Is allowing the Heritage House to be used by the Westsound Treatment Center for their Lighthouse program risk free? Are having two duplexes for use as rentals risk free? The answer to all of these is no. The body just like the individuals that make up the body cannot live risk free. But we can continue in our lives and in the life of the Church to do everything in our power to reduce risk and the team is doing just that in regards to a potential tiny village.

As always POCOC will do God's work as best we can. Sometimes that means we're on our own, sometimes with other believers and/or the community, and in this case with the County and KRM. We will do our best to safeguard those around us and ourselves.

If you have questions, concerns, want more information or understanding please come and see us. We ask that you would remember the team, our neighborhood, the tiny village process, and the body in your prayers. Your tiny village team members are Ken Avery, Lisa Bratcher, Gary Chasteen, Bonnie Mitchell, and Wayne Hammock. Tim Duffy has decided to step down from the team and we want to thank him for his time of service on the committee.

In Christ,

The Tiny Village Team

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