



All Church Retreat

Lazy F Camp and Retreat is located on 110 acres of mixed forest in the heart

of the Manastash Canon in the Eastern Cascade Mountain Foothills in Washington State. It's a quick hour and a half drive from Issaquah. This is an amazing opportunity for your family or group of friends to unplug from the hectic world and step into one of the most beautiful places on earth. The Lazy F Camp and Retreat center offer fun activities for everyone like hikes to the stations of the cross, tubing in the creek, archery, zip lines, a climbing tower, golf, fishing in the pond, crafts and fellowship.

This has become an annual summer tradition for many people at Faith Church and we hope that you can join us **August 19 - 21, 2016**.

We have reserved 2 lodges this summer. Each family/friends stays in their own room

[Click Here](#) to register!

and rooms/lodges are on a first come basis.

Skyline Lodge: Sleeps 31 in 8 rooms, each room has a private bath, great central meeting space and linens.



Ridgeview Lodge: Sleeps 40 in 10 rooms, 2 community bathrooms and large central meeting place and full kitchen. You provide your own bedding.



Message from Pastor Elizabeth



I've spent quite a bit of time in the car or on an airplane in the last several weeks, which has given me a chance to catch up on some of the podcasts I really enjoy. Most recently, I was inspired by the latest episode of the *TED Radio Hour*, titled "Failure Is An Option." You can listen to it by clicking [here](#). I especially recommend the first two segments, in which Astro Teller describes how failure is *rewarded* in his company, and then Tim Harford discusses the concept of trial and error. Harford explains that the more complex a system, the more difficult – if not impossible – it is to nail down enough data to accurately predict what will happen in any given situation. So for more complex systems, sometimes the best way to progress or improve is the age-old **trial and error**.

I think many of us like the idea of "trial" a whole lot more than "error." We like to think of ourselves as creatives or entrepreneurs who are willing to test out new things, push boundaries, and keep learning, but we certainly don't like to think of ourselves as *failing* at anything. And yet, how will we ever know what we might achieve if we don't try? And how can we really try if we aren't willing to fail?

Harford's TED talk isn't specifically about churches, but I think it applies, as there are few systems more complex than a church or a community. If we want to get better at how we do church – how we make disciples and transform the world – we have to try things and be willing to fail. There's no chart or graph or equation that can tell us exactly what will make us into an effective community that's making disciples and transforming the world: we just have to try things. This isn't comfortable: of course we all want to succeed all the time; but we'll never know the fullness of what God is calling us to be – and who

God is calling us to be – if we aren't willing to make mistakes.

I wonder what our life together might look like if we were all willing to try – to step out of our comfort zones and make attempts at reaching more people with God's love, reaching people more deeply with a commitment to Christ, and sharing God's love more broadly in our community – knowing that we might fall flat on our faces? What would it look like if we were a community that looked out for one another, and when we failed, applauded each other for having been brave enough to try rather than blaming or shaming each other for our failures, which is what our culture generally encourages? How might we grow together through trial and error? What might God be calling us to try, whether or not we succeed?

I know that God is asking me to step out of my comfort zone more and more as I grow in ministry, and it's a scary call to accept. But I also know that the most amazing successes of my life weren't only preceded by failures, but because of them.

I hope we can try some things together in this next year – and fail – and pick each other up, applaud the effort, learn from it, and move on. Or as Samuel Beckett once said, "Fail. Fail Again. Fail Better." Let's do that – together.

With you on the journey,
Pastor Elizabeth

P.S. If you're interested in reading more on this topic, you might enjoy Pema Chödrön's little book that takes its name from Beckett's quote: you can find it [here](#). You can also read about failure, improve, and ministry at [The Blue Room blog](#).

MUSIC



The first (apparently now annual) Atlantic Street Center benefit concert was a big success. Over \$1,200 was raised for the great ministries of the Atlantic Street Center and FaithWalk was honored to perform with top-notch musical groups from other local Methodist churches. There was an incredible variety of musical talent and plans are already in the works for next year.

Thanks to all who came out from Faith Church to support the cause and enjoy some fabulous music and, if you missed it, please consider attending next year.

Contact [Pam Sloane](#) or Emily Cowgill [Emily Cowgill](#) any time to discuss where and how you can serve in music ministry. There is something for everyone in Faith's Music Ministry!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Faith Café - August

Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Pine Lake Starbucks for summertime fellowship! Faith Café will resume on Wednesday, September 14th at 9:30 a.m. in the Talbert Building.

Mark your calendars!

- Friday, August 5 at 6:00 p.m.: Women's Fellowship in the Talbert Building.
- Friday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m.: Women's Fellowship in the Talbert Building.
- February 3-5, 2017, Women's Retreat at Rainbow Lodge, North Bend, WA.

The Women's Ministry Team is looking for a couple of committed women to facilitate special events and fellowship. If this is a ministry that has been calling to your heart, please contact Pastor Elizabeth, the office or check it on the Connection Card.

MISSIONS

Issaquah Hot Meals – Volunteers are needed for Tuesday, August 15th and September 19th! Please sign up at FaithOnline! This is a fun fellowship that a small group, Bible study or one of our many ministry teams could do. Share tasks for preparing and feeding approximately 40 of our less fortunate friends at the Issaquah Fire Station on Sunset Way. Please contact Bill Bennett at [Click Here](#) for more information.

17th ANNUAL HABITAT GARAGE SALE

The 17th annual Habitat Garage Sale is coming on September 23 and 24!!! This huge event ensures Faith Church continues its long tradition of support of Habitat For Humanity. Many volunteers will be needed on the days leading up to, and during the sale. Also, donation of your salable items will be critical to the sale's success.

Beyond supporting Habitat For Humanity the sale has several other immeasurable benefits:

Many shoppers with limited incomes are able to purchase some very nice items for their homes and families.

Area residents have an opportunity to interact with Faith Church.

Members and friends of Faith who work together to make the sale a success enjoy a significant sense of fellowship. Did you know that several neighbors of other denominations are regular volunteers at the sale?

Please be thinking about the time and the salable items your family can direct to this mission and watch for more details about how you can participate in the September Faith Notes.

For more information, visit habitatgaragesale.org, or in the Missions section of faithunited.org, or Bill Bennett - [Click Here](#) or the office.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

If you know of someone who needs a home or hospital visit, needs a meal or a phone call, please email hello@faithunitd.org or contact the office. We want to help, so please let us know what is needed. Thank you.

TRUSTEES - SAFE CHURCH POLICY

Safe Church Update

Background checks remain a staple for volunteers that work with children and youth at Faith Church. But, did you know that only doing background checks wouldn't identify every person who tries to abuse children/youth? Becoming more aware of how abusers groom their victims, implementing adequate supervision policies, and learning how to respond when a child or youth reports inappropriate behavior are but a few additional strategies that supplement background checks and help keep our programs as safe as possible for children and youth.

Want to know more? Contact Patti Hong, Safe Church Policy Coordinator, to get signed up for Abuse Awareness training. This training can be done either individually online, or in a group session.

Our next Abuse Awareness/Safety training is Tuesday, August 30th at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. All volunteers are encouraged to attend - especially if working with youth/children.

Saturday, August 27: 9 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to come and help spruce up the campus for the Fall kick-off. Every age can participate in this fellowship! Coffee, snacks and lunch will be provided.



FAITHONLINE

FaithOnline is Faith Church's online database. You can sign up to bring altar flowers, read scripture, serve communion, or send your friend

an email. Check out the calendar for all the exciting upcoming events and studies.

IN THE BEGINNING PRESCHOOL

This place looks beautiful, it goes to show you what a fresh coat of paint and lots of elbow grease will do for this place! Thank you Trustees. We also worked on the playground in July. By the end of the summer the Renovation Project of 2016 will be nearly complete thanks to the Youth, Children's and the Preschool ministries working together. Please wander down the education hallway, the Wesley, Talbert and Youth Annex to see all of the wonderful changes.

We will be hosting an Open House on Thursday, September 1, from 9:30am - 11:30am. The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6.

We also have a several openings in our program and they are in our Bunnies (20 months olds); Bear's class (3 yr. olds), and PreK (4- 5 1/2 yr. olds) classes. Don't forget, we are offering you a **\$100 incentive** if you can get your friend or neighbor to enroll in our program through September 2016! If you know of anyone who is looking for a preschool, please have them contact Kathryn @ 425-392-0123 x3 or our website: www.inthebeginningpreschool.org.

Thank you for your help!



CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MINISTRIES



Thank you for a successful Vacation Bible School! Faith Church welcomed almost 100 children in July to Cave Quest: Following Jesus the Light of the World. Over 25 Youth and several adult volunteers made this week magical and fun and full of love as the children experienced Jesus in a fun learning adventure!

Please contact Melissa Bortnick if you have any questions or can help with Children's & Family Ministries, melissa@faithunited.org.



YOUTH MINISTRY

There are so many things happening in the life of youth ministry this summer!

Here are the fun things happening this summer:

Monday Funday:

Each Monday, we will be meeting at various places in our community to enjoy afternoon fun from 1-3 p.m. Students are encouraged to bring friends and all activities are free unless otherwise noted.

8/8: Meet at Church, drive to Franklin Falls. **RSVP required unless riding with parent.**

8/15: Meet at Pine Lake.

8/22: Pool Party, location TBD.

8/29: Meet at Lake Sammamish.



Weekend Activities:

Various things happening on Fridays and Saturdays. All events are free unless otherwise noted.

8/5-8/6: High School Lock-In, Fri 7p.m. - Sat. 9 a.m. High school students are invited to come hang out, play games, and stay up far too late in the Annex.

8/13: Sundae on Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Come enjoy ice cream sundaes and a movie in the Annex.

8/19-8/21: Lazy F Retreat. Youth will have special activities and program as part of the all church retreat at Lazy F Camp. Register [HERE](#) and make sure to specify your teen as a youth.

8/26: Lunch with Leslie, 12-1 p.m., Mod Pizza at the Issaquah Highlands location. I like eating and I'd love for you to join me. Bring some money for pizza BUT if you are the first person to show up or you bring a friend with you, I'll buy your food (and your friend's food)!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

July Birthdays & Anniversaries [Click Here](#)

August Birthdays & Anniversaries [Click Here](#)

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Sunday's at Faith Church

9:00 a.m.	Worship Adult Sunday School Child care available Middle School Sunday School
9:15 a.m.	High School Sunday School
10:00 a.m.	Fellowship
10:30 a.m.	Worship Children's Sunday School Child care available
11:30 a.m.	Fellowship

Save the Date

Sunday, September 11 – All Church Picnic 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

East Sammamish Park (NEW location)

21300 NE 16th, Sammamish, WA 98074

For directions [Click Here](#).