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October 2016

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OCTOBER 30TH
4-6 PM

**SNACKS, GAMES,
BOUNCE HOUSES, FREE
GIVE-AWAYS, & MORE!**

FALL FESTIVAL

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3924 Issaquah Pine Lake Rd SE

a United Methodist
Congregation

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR ELIZABETH



Dear friends,

On the last day of September, I attended the LifeWire “Hope Starts Here” breakfast at the Meydenbauer Center with several members of our church, including Dick Gram, who helped organize the event. As October is **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**, the timing was perfect. LifeWire is an organization committed not only to addressing the needs of survivors of domestic violence in King County, but also to preventing domestic violence from occurring. The work they are doing is incredible. Since 1982, LifeWire has partnered with more than 131,000 domestic violence survivors, providing advocacy, counseling, and support. Now they are also working with churches, schools, and communities to prevent such violence from ever happening.

This isn't something we like to think about, but statistics tell us as many as 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men will be the victims of some kind of abuse in their lifetimes. That means all of us know someone who has been the victim of DV – or who is currently being abused, meaning they are also at a higher risk of illness and poverty. If someone you know is being humiliated or belittled, criticized or ignored, threatened or controlled by a partner; or if the partner acts jealous and possessive or limits someone's access to friends or resources, there's a good chance you're seeing signs of domestic violence, even if you don't see signs of physical abuse. Speak up. Offer help. Folks at organizations like LifeWire are available to help 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. And of course, we, at the church, will do everything we can to help people get out of abusive situations and into safety; and to help abusers get help, as well. If you or someone you know is being abused, there is help. [Click here](#) to learn more about this important organization, and how you can help end domestic violence.

Speaking of helping... I'm so grateful for all of you who make the church the amazing organization it is. From folks who come early on Sundays to make coffee, to the ones who schedule contractors to fix things when they're broken in our buildings, to our Sunday School teachers, to so many who show up on evenings and weekends to help us share God's love with the world, to everyone who donates time and resources to the church's programs, it truly takes everyone's participation to make the community great.

Part of the challenge we face is simply getting everyone connected in life-giving ways. This is part of why we've added the “**who I admire**” box on the Connection Cards on Sunday mornings. When we ask you what your gifts are, you tend to be pretty humble. But so many of you have extraordinary gifts, whether you see yourself as a leader or more of a worker-bee. If you want to find out more about your own gifts, asking the people who know you best about your gifts can be one of the most revealing ways to discover your own talents! If you haven't done it before, you might also consider taking an online spiritual gifts survey – you can [click here](#) for a quick and free assessment. Then, when you know what your spiritual gifts are, go into your **FaithOnline profile**, click on “edit profile” in the list on the right side of the page, and then click on “my fit.” You can choose your spiritual gifts, your passions, your abilities, and your personality style. [Call us if you need help with this!] The church's nominations and leadership development team will use this info to help find the right ways for you to share your gifts with the community, so all of us will benefit from the diversity in our midst, and all of us can contribute to the community in life-giving ways, growing in love of God and neighbor day by day.

With you on the journey,

Pastor Elizabeth

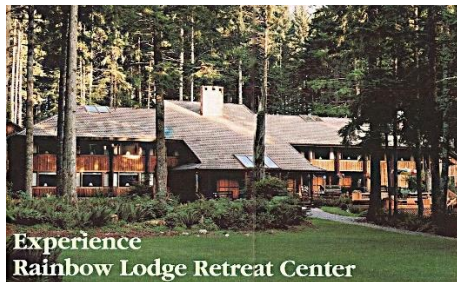
WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Mark your calendars!

Friday, November 18th at 6:00 p.m.: Women's Fellowship in the Lobby. The August fellowship welcomed over 30 women! What a great evening and what fun it was getting to know each other and play Apples to Apples! We would love to double our attendance in October! Dinner will be provided by the Retreat Committee! Bring a friend and come for fellowship and FUN! Please RSVP [HERE](#).

Faith Café women's fellowship, meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Talbert. Bring a friend and come for coffee and great fellowship.

February 3-5, 2017, Women's Retreat at Rainbow Lodge, North Bend, WA.



LADIES NIGHT

MUSIC MINISTRY



Last week I was part of a group of twelve Faith Church staff and lay leaders who went to the Church of the Resurrection Leadership Institute in Kansas City. Their tagline of *equip-renew-inspire* was true for me and I hope to pass on and incorporate new discoveries, new tools, and new energy, not only to Faith's music ministry, but to Faith Church as a whole. There were seminars available for all areas of ministry. More than a few times during the week I heard attendees say that "their heads were exploding with ideas." If you would like to know more about the conference, please feel free to ask me or anyone else who attended.

It seems unbelievable, but later this month we will begin rehearsals for an Advent musical on Sunday, December 11th. Mark your calendars and please let me know if you are interested in being involved. There will be music opportunities for all ages and talents!

Contact [Pam Sloane](#) or [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!



GARAGE SALE REPORT Faith Church's 17th Annual Habitat Garage Sale was by all measures an overwhelming success!

- Treasures were found!
- Apartments were furnished!
- Clothing in great condition was bought for the coming winter!
- Over 150 members and friends of Faith Church worked tirelessly side by side for four days!
- 2.5 HUGE truckloads of unsold items were donated to the Salvation Army!

- More than \$25,000 was raised to support Habitat for Humanity!

The Faith Church Missions Team and the Garage Sale Steering Committee wishes to **thank everyone** for their donations of time, items for sale, and other in kind means of support. A large portion of the expenses including tent rental, storage unit rental, and refreshments for volunteers were offset by financial gifts from members and friends of Faith Church.

Make a difference in our community!! Mark your calendars.



GIVE BLOOD. It's easy, takes only about one hour of your time. FUMC Missions Ministry team will again be hosting a blood drive through Bloodworks Northwest, Saturday November 5, 2016 from 8 am - 2 pm (closed 10:30-11:30am) in the Upper/Talbert building at

Faith Church You can sign up on **FaithOnline** and/or sign up after **Sunday Services on October 23rd and October 30th.**

For eligibility questions, contact the Bloodworks Northwest Blood Center: 1-800-DONATE-1, extension 2543.

Hands Against Hunger Event

Saturday, November 12th, 10:00am-12:00pm

Please join us in the fight against hunger in our community! Hands of **ALL AGES can come together to pack supplies for hunger relief on November 12th** here at Faith Church. We are partnering with Hopelink Pantry Packs and need hands of all ages to help us pack bags of food which provide weekend food for hungry Lake Washington School District students. Hopelink is currently sending 700 packs home per week (approximately 2,800 packs per month)! Our goal is to pack 800 packs.

The missions team is asking for the help of the congregation to make this event a success. All supplies will be purchased before the event. Please support this project with your prayers and participation. Sign up to attend at FaithOnline.

Questions: [Tina Brake](#) & [Becky Ittig](#).

All ages can be an integral part of this event!

HOW CAN YOU BE INVOLVED?

Prayers: Please lift this mission event up in prayer. Support: You can support by attending the Hands Against Hunger event.

In the Beginning Preschool is hosting a Clothing and Textile Drive!

Help us stuff the truck on:

Wednesday Oct 26 from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday Oct 29 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday Oct 30 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

We all have unwanted textiles that are out of fashion, not needed, or no longer fit. Instead of discarding surplus clothing and household linens, give them a second life through Clothes for the Cause. Hosting an easy and profitable clothing drive allows these items to be re-worn, recycled or repurposed for the good of our cause and planet.

We are raising funds for our Eleanor Mason Scholarship Fund and will begin to organize ourselves to support one of our favorite charities the: Christmas Magic Gift Drive, which supports over 75 children from the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank to help make their Christmas special.

Accepted Items: Clothing new and gently used. SHOES paired only. TOWELS, STUFFED ANIMALS, HATS, SHEETS, BLANKETS, QUILTS, BEDSPREADS, DRAPES, PURSES, BELTS. All items must be dry/clean and in a tied plastic bag.

We cannot take glass, breakables, electronics, pet beds, bed pillows, carpeting or throw rugs, uniforms, sewing scraps, hotel linens or items previously for sale at a thrift store.

Contact with questions: kathryn@faithunited.org

**To reach our goal, please try to fill a minimum of
3 tall white trash bags! We will have a bag for you
at church on Sunday, October 23
to help you get started!**

We are pleased to be back in school serving God's youngest children in our program who are eager to have fun and learn about God's love each day. It is truly rewarding to see so many smiling faces each day and feel the relationships that are blooming between the children, their teachers and families.

We look forward to many off campus field trips to local farms to learn more about God's amazing world and who we are in it. The sensory overload on these field trips are nothing short of miraculous! Besides our field trips this month, we will be practicing our smiles for our yearly preschool pictures. In just a few short weeks, we will be hosting our annual 'Daddy & Me' pumpkin carving night in the lobby on Tuesday, October 25. This is such a special night we get to share with our Dad's and students!



We have a few openings left in our preschool program: Bouncy Bunnies (20 months) and the PreK classes (4 - 5 ½ year olds). If you know of anyone who might be interested, please direct them to our website: www.inthebeginningpreschool.org or contact us directly at 425-392-0123 x6. Thanks!

Faith Students Fall 2016

Monthly Event	Monthly Monday Hangout
September 25: Day at the Fair Come spend a day at the WA State Fair. We will leave from church following the 10:30am service. Cost: \$12, free for all garage sale volunteers.	On the first Monday of each month I will be hanging out at a local spot. Come by, hang out, say hi or do some homework and enjoy some free after school treats on me!
October 15: Inflatable 5K Run a Seattle 5K obstacle course made entirely of inflatable jumpers. We will leave from the church. 9:30am-1:30pm, Cost : \$15	October 3rd: Pine Lake Village Starbucks 3016 Issaquah Pine Lake Rd.
November 19: Some Assembly Required Come enjoy a meal... as soon as you cook it. We'll be cooking our own dinner and enjoying it together. 4-8pm, Location TBD.	November 7th: Sammamish Highlands Starbucks 604 228th Ave NE. (The one by Yogurt Land)

Every Week

Sunday: Sunday School, 9am

Wednesday: Midweek Encounter, 5:30pm

Questions? Contact Leslie at
leslie@faithunited.org or (626) 340-5638

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10/1	Karen Gladhill Karen Bergsvik Ron Cowger Abel Madsen	10/10	Chris Caile Nancy Giesa Matthew Thompson
10/2	Tatom Metcalf Roger Heeringa	10/12	Dean Cannon
10/3	Leslie Case Melissa Bortnick Micah Haakensen	10/13	Robert Marchand
10/4	George Engelbeck Ron Kaetzel	10/14	Daniel Burke Charlotte Yates
10/5	John Atherly Lynn De La Cruz	10/16	Joy Valera
10/8	Susan Chen Isabella Zandona Daryl Hackney	10/18	Tom McCollough
10/9	Lesa Widner Larry Artman	10/19	Greg Dietzel Bill Mincey
		10/20	Sabrina Brummett Rebecca Kreig
		10/25	Lucy Caile
		10/26	Matthew Dillon
		10/27	Chloe Bortnick
		10/28	Jennifer Dewar
		10/30	Michael Bortnick
		10/31	Donna McCuen



10/8 Gary & Ginny Bearson
10/10 Greg & Tina Brake
10/19 Dallas & Sue Dyer



September: *This month, we are thankful for...*

- God For All of my blessings.
- Taylor For Great youth leader this summer!
- Leslie For Singing in the choir.
- Kathleen For Her service to Faith Church
- Abby For Being the best kid ever!!
- All the folks For Working on the garage sale!
- Melissa For Her hard work with a smile.
- Ladies of Faith Church For An amazing reception for Jane Peters' memorial.
- Shamus For Serving as Lay leader!
- Pam For All of her hard work
- Musicians For The men's quartet! Very Lovely!
- The teachers at Cedarcrest HS For Dedicating their time for all of their students
- Bill, Jan & Garage Sale Team For Another great garage sale!
- God For This day and be able to come to church.
- Jan & Bill For H4H Garage Sale inspiration, leadership and hard work!
- Emily For Her beautiful piano playing
- Common Ground For Their guest singing.



- October 14 Ladies Night in the Talbert Building at 6:00 p.m.
- October 15 Faith Leadership Training 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- October 26-30 Clothes for a Cause ITBP Fundraiser. (trailer will be in back parking lot to donate textiles).
- October 30 Fall Festival 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- November 5 Blood Drive in the Talbert Building
- November 23 Community Thanksgiving Worship Service at Faith Church
- November 27 First Sunday of Advent

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SUNDAYS AT FAITH CHURCH

9:00 a.m.

Worship Service
Adult, Middle & High School Sunday School
Child-Care Provided

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship in Lobby

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service
Children's Sunday School
Child-Care Provided

11:30 a.m.

Children's Choir Practice