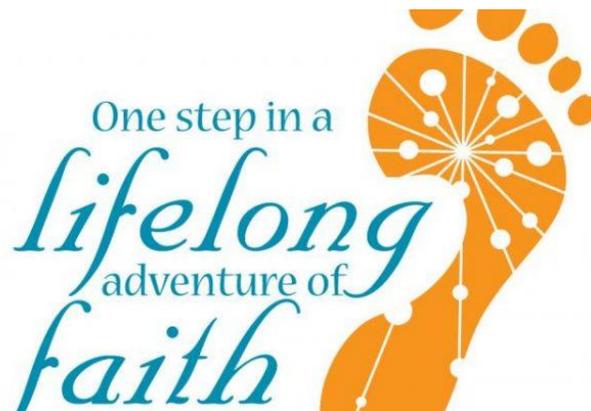


Confirmation Sunday – February 4th

17 youth and 9 adults have been meeting together for the last three months to learn more about what it means to be a Christian, a United Methodist, and a church member. Confirmation is during worship on February 4. Please come help celebrate these young people!



Ash Wednesday: Ash Wednesday is February 14th. Begin the season of Lent with Ashes to Go at the Issaquah Highlands Park & Ride from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m., a joint worship service with Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church at noon, and an all-ages worship service at Faith Church at 6:30 p.m.



- Feb. 3 Leadership Retreat
- Feb. 4 Confirmation Sunday
- Feb. 9-11 Women's Retreat
- Feb.12 Joint Finance-Coordinating Team Meeting
- Feb. 13 Sweetheart Luncheon
- Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday
- Feb. 18 All Church Final Budget Presentation
- Feb. 17 Youth – Tubing at Snoqualmie Summit
- Feb. 25-Mar 2 In the Beginning Preschool Textile Drive

FINANCE

On Sunday, February 28th after the second service, the Coordinating Team will have an All Church Final Budget Presentation for 2018. Please plan on attending.

Ted Gladhill, a 30-plus year member of Faith Church, has been elected by the Coordinating Team to serve as Church Secretary on the Finance Team. Doris Fritz is stepping down from the role after nine years of service. The transition may take a few weeks. The Faith Church (Finance) Secretary maintains the records of all confidential giving/income. If you need a printout of your 2017 Giving Statement, please log into your FaithOnline profile. If you are having difficulties, please contact [Doris Fritz](#).

WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Faith Church
Annual Women's Retreat - 2018
Friday, February 9th at 7:30 p.m. to
Sunday, February 11th at 11:30 a.m.
Rainbow Lodge, North Bend WA

The annual retreat is a great opportunity to join with other women and connect on a level that is not possible between church services. It is a time of reflection, fun, fellowship, worship, and all the things that make you want to come back year after year, like many of the women do. There are always new women who have never attended before, and all agree that it is a fabulous time to get to know each other. We encourage you to bring a friend, too! There are several women who are not members of the church who come and we are grateful to have them.

Our theme this year is "Just Believe" and the committee has been meeting monthly since May to create a schedule and list of activities that women will enjoy.

Check-in is on Friday at 7:30 p.m. and the retreat is over by 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. Women are encouraged to come for the whole weekend, but there will be accommodations for Saturday only.

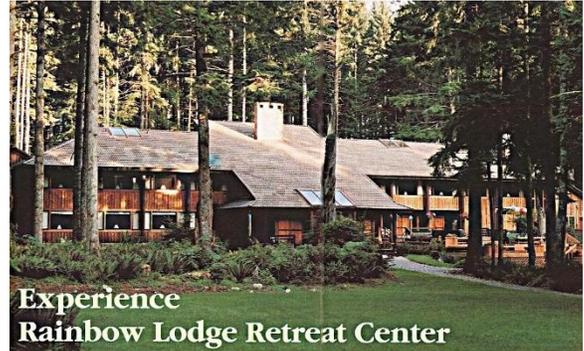
The cost is \$160.00 for double occupancy and includes overnight accommodations for Friday and Saturday night, as well as FABULOUS meals (which we do not cook!) beginning with breakfast on Saturday and ending with breakfast on Sunday. And someone else does the dishes! How awesome is that! (If you want a single room, the cost is \$175.)

The cost for Saturday is \$75.00. This includes all of our Saturday activities and 3 meals - breakfast, lunch and dinner. Breakfast begins at 8am, and activities run until you are ready to leave. (Dinner at 6:30, then games, activities, some music, and fun.)

We do have some scholarship funds available, so please do not let the fee hold you back.

This is a wonderful time and hope to see you there!! Ask any of the committee members if you have any questions: Sherrie Bogdanoff, Kathy Carpenter, Donna McCuen, Susan Rolette, Lacey Leigh, and Sandy Nielsen.

Register [HERE](#). [Packing List](#) has changed! Please review and come prepared and don't forget your water bottle



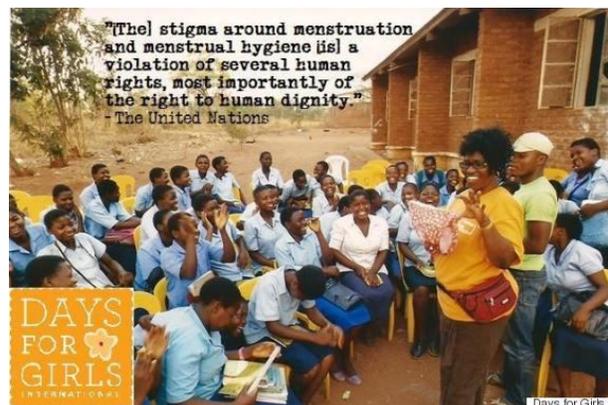
Days for Girls International



Days for Girls International is a grassroots non-profit organization creating a more dignified, humane and sustainable world for girls and women.

In poverty stricken areas around the world, a girl or woman without access to feminine hygiene supplies must stay at home for four or five days, missing school or work. Days for Girls is dedicated to partnering with others to break the silence and deprivation that accompanies lack of women's sanitary solutions with a simple direct and effective solution available to women month after month – washable feminine hygiene kits. We can help get those days back – days for a girl to go to school, days for a woman to go to work to provide for her family.

Every kit is carefully crafted and is designed to last for three years. A team of dedicated women here at Faith Church is working to make those kits. Once a month we get together at the home of Beth Box and have fun while we do this important work. Meetings are on Tuesday*, 10:00 – 2:00, with a brown-bag lunch break. There is so much to do, and sewing skills aren't required for many tasks. We'd love to have you join us. If you can't make it to the sew sessions, but would like to help, we will gratefully accept donations



listed below. Please note: before purchasing any of the above, contact us for specific requirements.

*Funds - each kit costs about \$15 to complete

*Fabric - (cotton flannel/quilters cotton)

*Thread (100% polyester)

*Panties (girl's cotton, sizes 10/12/14)

*Colored wash cloths

*Callon Ziploc Freezer Bags

Please contact [Beth Box](#), or [Karen Gladhill](#) for additional information.

*Tentatively scheduled for the third Tuesday of the month.

For more information on this organization, click [HERE](#).



Building Better Moms; mothers of children new-born to high school meet to focus on a variety of topics, support each other to build faith as a family and grow together in developing strong Christian values. Thursday 2/1 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lobby. Come and hear professional speaker Marty Stanley share how you can change your outlooks to

alter your outcomes. Be inspired with tools to help you take action toward your goals. On 2/15, BBM will welcome Pastor Nancy Thompson from Pine Lake Covenant Church in a presentation and discussion about her passions for growing children and families closer to Jesus and others. Contact [Melissa Bortnick](#) for more information.



Faith Café is a very casual group of ladies that meet every Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in the Talbert kitchen for devotion, bible study, projects and fellowship. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends

CONGREGATIONAL CARE MINISTRY



A Congregation Caregiving Ministry has been launched to take Faith Church to the next step of Congregational Care. In addition to our Prayer Chain and Memorial Worship teams, the ministry will now offer rides for our congregants who need to get to appointments or run errands, Church Family check-in on folks, visits to our homebound or hospitalized

congregants and card writers sending words of encouragement to those in need. If your gifts are of this nature or if you know of anyone who could use a care note or visit, please contact [Pam Zajac](#).

MISSIONS

Take a Meal to Tent City4 at Mary Queen of Peace.



Our friends are in the area and if you would like to prepare a meal for the TC4 residents, please click [HERE](#) for the meal calendar. Select a date you would like to serve on and [email](#). It is a good idea to select an optional date just in case someone is ahead of you. If you are preparing a meal please know that five of the residents are diabetic when you are meal planning. The residents are also in need of: 5-gal metal containers of Kerosene (for use in heating the community tents) can be purchased from Fred Meyer or Home Depot, 20 by 40 Tarps (2 are currently needed), AAA batteries, flashlights, coffee, tea, cream, sugar, canned and packaged items.



Faith Church members had a great time preparing and sharing a meal with our friends for the **Issaquah Hot Meals** program next to the Issaquah Fire Station. The group of 11 children, youth and adults prepared spaghetti and meatballs, salad, rolls and cookies. This project is super easy and fun! If your family or small group are interested in providing a meal on the third Monday of the month to about 30 to 50 folks, contact [Becky Ittig](#).



IN THE BEGINNING PRESCHOOL

In the Beginning Preschool hosted the Preschool Community Fair in January and had 23 vendors participate and over 90 families stop by to investigate what each preschool or child care center had to offer their family. It was a huge success and a great way for our neighbors to get to know Faith Church.

We are in full swing with our 2018-2019 registration process and it is going strong and steady! We are humbled to have the kind of loyalty and dedication to our ministry as we do in our current families and in our alumni families. By the time we started our first public registration tour on January 11, we registered 72 families. Each day, we fill our class rosters a little bit more from our tour families. We do have openings and the [website](#) has the most

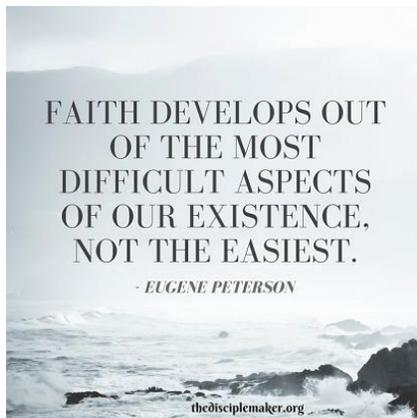


up to date enrollment information. If you are interested or know anyone who is looking for a preschool, please share our website with them and sign up for a tour today!

SAVE the Date: The Preschool's **Annual Textile Drive is Sunday, February 25** at both services. This fundraiser supports our Scholarship Fund. We earn 22.5 cents per pound and can help two-three families per year. We are accepting: clothing; shoes;

bedding/towels/linens; hats scarves; mittens; ties; belts; jewelry and back packs. **All items must be in good, clean and sellable condition.** No rags, torn and soiled items, unmatched pairs, or broken jewelry. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S, YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES



Youth - If you're in middle school or high school, PLEASE JOIN US on SUNDAYS! We're going to continue our exploration of Matthew and how that ties in with missions and service projects like our church's partnership with Echo Glen. The youth will continue to finish up their projects intended to serve their neighbors at Echo Glen.

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR ALL YOUTH

1. The youth will join their family in worship and then AFTER the children's moment will go to Sunday School. (feel free to claim a "youth section" over on the right near the choir for easy exit after the children's moment).

2. Middle and high school students will meet in the YOUTH ANNEX (donuts and hot chocolate provided!) from now on unless otherwise noted.

Youth - Tubing at Snoqualmie Summit. Saturday, February 17th. Meet at Faith Church at 1:00 p.m. The group will go to Taco Time for lunch then head up to the Summit and return at 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 and friends are Free! See Brendan for all of the details.

Youth Retreat SUMYT 2018 will be Friday, March 16th through Sunday, March 18th at beautiful Camp Indianola. Register [HERE](#) or contact [Brendan](#) for details.



I am thankful for...

The Bennett's & The Gram's	For	Remembering me and being so friendly.
Faith Café Ladies	For	Beautiful get well wishes
God	For	Giving me this day and life!
The Women's Retreat Committee	For	All their creative work to provide an inspiring retreat.
God	For	Snow and health.
Rev. Agrarap	For	Sharing the message.
Sandy Nielsen	For	Continual 'silent' ministry - always behind the scenes making Faith Church better.
Melissa Bortnick	For	All that she does.

February Birthdays

2/1 Karen Ishimaru	2/18 Kendra Young
2/3 Ainsley Box	Dennis Meinhardt
Chris Dederer	2/19 Cheryl Dietzel
2/5 Suzie Howard	Tyler Fitzpatrick
Hannah Halstead	2/20 Kara Edwards
Kendall Johnston	Lee McCollough
2/7 Cathy Anderson	2/21 Lizzie Webb
2/8 Janice Murray	Leslie Mincey
Susan Gewin	2/24 Sue Kaetzel
2/9 Cecilia Childress	2/26 Parker Dillon
2/12 Jeff Coffey	2/27 Phyllis Pieri
2/15 Laurie Halstead	Mike McCuen
2/16 Caroline Harron	2/28 Austin Chamberlain
2/17 Kelly Heeringa	Becky Ittig



February Anniversaries

2/4	Wayne & Susan Chen
2/7	Tom Greenwood & Shannon Hamrick
2/14	Ron & Sue Kaetzel

Faith Notes: Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter. If you have a moment, please complete this very brief [survey](#).

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UNDAYS AT FAITH CHURCH

9:00 a.m.

Worship Service
Adult, Sunday School
Child-Care Provided

10:00 a.m.

Fellowship in Lobby

10:30 a.m.

Worship Service
Children's, Middle & High School Sunday School
Child-Care Provided

