

✚ FPC BELLINGHAM

sharing a living faith across generations

October 15th, 2023



stay connected this week

Visit fpcbellingham.org/calendar for more of this week's regular meetings or email info@fpcbellingham.org for links and further information.

TODAY — NEW MEMBER CLASS:

just after the service | in the Fireside Room

Interested in knowing more about becoming a member at FPC? Start here!

FPC STORY HOUR: Mondays on Zoom | 7—8pm

This week we continue our journey into The Penderwicks. Reading, discussion... always a great hour of the day.

COMMONS OPEN STUDIO TUESDAYS

new schedule Every Tuesday morning: 9am—noon

Bring anything you want to work on and share community time and space with other creative folks.

WOMEN OUTSIDE! : October 21 | 9-11am | Whatcom Falls Park

Meet at the tennis courts on Electric Avenue. Rain or shine. All women welcome. Contact Sandy Hunter: alansandyhunter@gmail.com

worship guide

Welcome & Call to Worship

Worship in Song

We Will Feast in the House of Zion, Rising Sun, In the Fields of the Lord

Confession and Pardon

Passing of the Peace

Memory Verse and Intergenerational Question

Acts 20:28 | What flock are you called to shepherd?

Children through 5th grade are dismissed for Godly Play + The Link

Up Close + Personal | *Celebration of the Ministry of Bev + Al Rene*

Offering

Scripture Reading | *Acts 19:23-34*

Meditation | *Follow the Drachmas*

The Lord's Prayer

Worship in Song | *Be Thou My Vision*

Affirmation of Faith

Communion + Prayer Candle Lighting

Worship in Song | *Graves Into Gardens*

Invitations

Charge and Blessing

*Jocelyn Meyer, Music • Alison Witwer, Host
Hillary Thomsen, Liturgist • Doug Bunnell, Preacher*

discussion questions

Kingdom values have little respect for financial wealth.

Put your faith in God, not in the currency that is printed on.

- The Bible says that the love of money is the root of all evil. What do you think that means?
- What about the gospel was threatening to the artisans of Ephesus?
- What do you think the riot felt like?
- What would it be like to chant the same thing for two hours?
- How does the town clerk quiet them?
- Where is the gospel dangerous for wealth and the production of wealth?
- How do we live with integrity in a mammon focused culture?

Sunday info

COMMUNION

The sacrament (mystery) of communion is celebrated at FPC every Sunday. The table is open to all followers of Jesus of any age or stage. Once the table is opened, you are invited to come forward and receive communion from a server. Please raise your hand if you would like to be served at your seat. The cup is grape juice; the intinction bread is gluten-free. Please put the disposable cups in the lobby trash can after the service.

CAFÉ PRES

Join us each Sunday after the service for some community time, coffee and treats.

If you'd like to host Café Pres, sign up downstairs or email Alissa: info@fpcbellingham.org

PEW CARDS

Fill out a card and place in the offering plate or in the box in the foyer.

CONNECT | get involved, update your contact information

CARE | request prayer, visitation, sign up for Prayer Vine emails

GIVE | ways to give of your time, talents and treasure

**Safety note: Once the service begins, the downstairs door will be locked for security during children's programs. Please enter through Garden St. doors after 10am.*

CHILDREN ON SUNDAYS

An unstaffed, equipped nursery, Room 2, is available downstairs for parents to change diapers, settle babies and watch the service livestream.

Godly Play Prep: Toddlers —3-Year-Olds

Toddlers through 3 years old are welcome in Godly Play Prep. Rooms 3 & 4. (Please enter through the door for Room 3.) Godly Play Prep is open to receive toddlers through 3-year-olds five minutes before (9:55am) or anytime during the service.

Godly Play: Preschool—3rd Grade

Godly Play Mentors are excited to welcome your children to Godly Play!

Children ages preschool - 3rd grade will be blessed from congregational worship to sing, wonder about God's story, respond through art and play, and care for one another.

We treasure your children! Thank you for trusting them with us for Godly Play!

The Link: 4th + 5th Grade Sunday School

Meets in Room 1 in the Fellowship Hall and is dismissed from worship with Godly Play. The Link will be dismissed to connect with parents at Café Pres.

YOUTH (MIDDLE SCHOOL + HIGH SCHOOL)

The fall events schedule is online at fpcbellingham.org/youth

Small Groups meet every other week on Sunday. If you'd like to get involved, email youth@fpcbellingham.org for details. There's a group for everyone!

FPC Bible studies

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:

Tuesdays on Zoom | 9:45—11:15am | Studying Hosea with the help of Lifeguide's Bible study—*Hosea: God's Persistent Love* by Dale Larsen and Sandy Larsen.

Wednesdays at FPC | 9:15—11:15am *Everyday Faith* Childcare available.

WHAT'S IN THE BIBLE?: Wednesdays in the Fireside Room and on Zoom | 3pm
Do you ever feel like getting back to basics. This is a basic 4 week long course about what is in the Bible. All people, questions, and opinions are welcome.

PASTOR DOUG'S EVERY-BODY-IS-WELCOME BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays on Zoom | 4:30pm | Discussion, dialogue and deep interaction with God's Word. Join us as we study The Life and Times of Moses.

upcoming events + invitations

FPC JOBS

We are hiring for the new position of Children's Coordinator.
For job description and to apply, visit fpcbellingham.org/employment

APPLY FOR THE SPRING BREAK SERVICE TRIP TO CHITUL, GUATEMALA

April 2-9, 2024

Embody our partnership in Chitul as the community leans into development and transformation. Space is limited, applicants must be current Chitul sponsors.

<https://www.fpcbellingham.org/chitul>

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT NOVEMBER 10-12: DAY REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Want to come for the day? Please register!

Get away with your church family for a weekend of rest, play, creativity and reflection. We will explore what we have discovered through Psalm 23 together.

Registration link on the **Church Center App** and fpcbellingham.org/psalm23

Email Kerrie to join the overnight waitlist: kerrieb@fpcbellingham.org

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Psalm 23

ART SHOW



VIEW OUR ART IN THE
COMMONS AFTER THE
SERVICE ALL OCTOBER

VIEW THE
ONLINE GALLERY:
FPCBELLINGHAM.ORG
/PSALM23GALLERY



CELEBRATING LIVES OF MINISTRY

Beverly + Al Rene

Al and Beverly Rene spent their lives in service to God among indigenous tribal people. Al was a member of a tribe that originated in eastern Canada. He migrated for safety to New Jersey where he met his wife, Beverly, who was involved with an inner city ministry there. They moved to the Pacific Northwest to serve the indigenous people of this region through the ministry of NAIM (North American Indian Mission). Beverly is an artist who created beautiful art work as well as cards with different tribal themes each year. Al and Beverly retired to Bellingham when they both began having significant health issues. Al went to be with the Lord last year. Beverly continues to live locally at the Woodway Residence. Let us celebrate indigenous tribes and the faithful people who are encouraging them!