

**College Place  
Presbyterian  
Church**

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## EASTER GREETINGS TO ALL MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF CPPC!

Korinne has this little pillow made out of green fleece. It has flowers and bees on it, and many nights she does not want to go to bed without her "soft pillow". In the past weeks I have been thinking of the significance of that little pillow, and especially how it relates to our congregation. You see that little pillow just showed up on my desk a couple of years ago. There was a little note on it that said "for Korinne" but it did not say who had made it or who it was from, and to this day I still have no idea exactly where her "soft pillow" really came from (whoever gave it to her, Thank You).

It seems like our church is full of stories of "soft pillows". Every time we turn around people are humbly and quietly giving of themselves in service to each other. We on staff have been overwhelmed by how all of you have been so active in keeping our congregation thriving while Robin and Kriss are over in Seattle. In the past couple months you all have stepped up and done so many amazing things. The Peterson's home has undergone a huge transformation, many of you have stepped into the role of Preacher for a weekend, the foyer and basement hallway has been painted, the flowerbeds have been refreshed, the Wasser house is currently housing its third family, and that's all in addition to what our church has already been doing for years. Truly, you as a congregation have risen to the challenge of not just surviving Robin's absence, but sur-thriving. You are an inspiration and a great witness to the love, grace, and compassion of the God that we serve.

Unfortunately, due to some medical complications that have left Robin needing to spend some more time in the University of Washington Medical Center, it appears that his return to Walla Walla will be delayed. Robin's desire was to be back to Walla Walla by Easter, so that he could join all of you in the celebration of the new life we have in Christ. However, due to the timing of these latest complications, it seems unlikely that Robin will be able to be home by the 24th. While this setback is disheartening, it is all part of God's ultimate timing, and we must continue to trust in the all surpassing grace of the God that loves us.

The good news is that we already know that God is faithful and will continue to sustain both Robin in Seattle and us at CPPC. Please continue to hold Robin and Kriss in your prayers, and continue in all that you are doing to help both Robin and the church "Sur-thrive". Please know how grateful we are for each and every one of you and how excited we are to see what God has in store for our church family.

As we move into Holy week, our prayer for all of you is that this week you would have a profound experience of the empty tomb. Even death could not contain the Son of God. On Easter morning as we celebrate and praise the risen Lord, our hope is that Christ will be raised in your hearts as well. May this season refresh your soul and give you the spiritual energy and grace that you need. And May the death and resurrection of Jesus make all things new in your heart, life, and world.

In Christ,  
Doug and the CPPC Staff

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## A Note from Skip

Growing up Catholic and attending parochial school left an indelible mark on my observance of the season of Lent, Easter, and the week leading up to Easter. My most vivid memories include weekly observance of the Stations of the Cross on Friday afternoons, Good Friday and the three-hour period between 12:00 noon and 3:00 p.m., and Easter morning and the celebration of Mass and the participation in communion. It was a time of tension, the cross and the suffering of Christ combined with the joy and celebration of Easter morning and the realization that Christ did not remain in the grave. As I have matured in my faith I have come to a deeper understanding of what it means to be an Easter person. I live my life in and through Christ who being fully human, experienced and suffered all that being human can entail and who being fully divine, overcame death and lives today. As Easter people we live with this tension, that God does not remove us from our humanity but rather enters into it with us, overcomes it, and leads us out of it to a brighter future lived in the fullness of His presence... where swords are turned into plowshares, the lion lies down with the lamb, the blind see, the lame not only walk but run, the sick are healed, our tears are wiped dry and sadness and pain are replaced by joy and laughter.

Holy or Easter Week allows us a moment to reflect on this reality. The observances in which we participate enable us to grow deeper in the knowledge and confidence that there is absolutely nothing that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. We have a number of opportunities available for our church family to observe the remembrance of this special time of year. I hope you will take time to consider which of these will nurture your relationship with Christ and then join us as we observe and celebrate the Easter event. May you be blessed during this holy and sacred time of year.

He is Risen!

~Skip

Dear Church Family,

Robin and I are overwhelmed with gratitude and humility at the outpouring of love from you, our church family, during our medical stay in Seattle these many months, and now for the extensive upgrades to our farm home in anticipation of our return. To say that I feel undeserving is an understatement. But who of us deserve God's love and salvation? For while we were yet sinners (Romans 5:8), Christ died for us... We are undeserving of His goodness to us in so many ways, but we strive to be worthy. That is what I feel now, and I will strive to be worthy of all the love, physical and financial efforts bestowed upon us especially at this time.

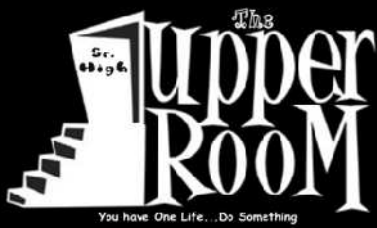
So many people have made it possible for us to go through this medical experience, too many to name them all, but some that must be acknowledged. Mark and Patty Anderson so generously gave us the use of their fully furnished house in Ballard for the duration, including TV and Internet service; Richard and Ben Czyhold faithfully fed our cows and horses all winter, along with helping out with calving and other farm chores; Ruth Knowles diligently kept watch over *everything* on the farm and house, feeding the all the cats, spending time with the horses, and keeping close care of the cows and calves; and Billy Bennington without whom we would have had some tragedies during calving. Along with Judy, Doug, Skip and Cheryl who filled in the gaps at the church in addition to their regular responsibilities. I personally want to thank Claudia Angus and all the pre-school Sunday School helpers for taking over the Pre-School class in my absence. And all the women who filled in and took charge of the Women's Retreat: Deborah Prior, Peggy Cox, Karen Anderson, Janna Scudder and more I am sure.

We have had ultimate love and support from our children, Hanna, Amos & Lindsey, Ella & Chris, Cleo & Johnny, throughout our time here in so many ways. All the cards, phone calls, emails and occasional visits from you, our church family, have been a blessed reminder of your love and support.

And now we practically have a whole new house to come home to. It is hard to imagine all the work going on at our house and harder to describe our thoughts and feelings of amazement and wonder at it all. Once again feelings of hoping to be worthy fill my mind. I know I can't begin to even mention all the folks who have physically and financially made this all possible. I do want to acknowledge Wayne Narum for the new deck and awning, Tim Scudder for all the plumbing upgrades and water safety installments, and Arnie Ewoniuk for the furnace and air quality upgrades.

May each of you know God's blessing on your life as we do.

Thank you. Kriss



# Youth Ministry Report

## Signs...Signs...Signs

When they hung Jesus on the cross, Pilate had the Roman soldiers place a sign above His head that read, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews" in Latin, Greek, Aramaic. Clearly, Pilate's intention was to use this sign to mock the Jews, by essentially saying that this is what happens to the Jewish "king". God however had a totally different plan.

God's plan for the sign was to declare the true identity of His Son in whatever language the people needed. Everyone who passed by that day saw Jesus hanging there, and as they read that little sign hanging above Him, they had to at least pause and wonder. As I do the same thing, I find myself wondering if it was that sign hanging there that made the thief on the cross next to Jesus realize that there was something special about the man he was dying beside. Could it be that such an insignificant little sign meant to make fun of the Jewish people was used by God to affect the eternity of a dying man.

As my mental wonderings continue, I have to ask myself if God uses little signs like that these days. Where is God speaking to me? Where is He speaking to you? What are the signs that God is putting in our lives, to more completely reveal Himself to each of us?

But I also wonder, how does God want to use me to be a sign for Him to others. After all, if God used Pilate, a Roman ruler with no interest in serving God, He might just want to be using you and I as well. This week, I pray that we can both see the signs that God is putting in our lives, and be the signs to others that God is calling us to be.

Just my thoughts ~Doug

## Youth

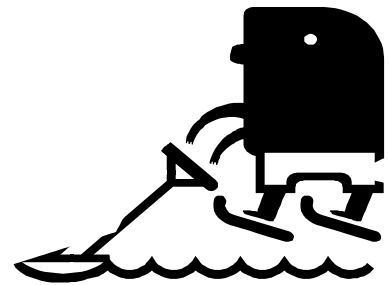
### Ministry Dates

Sr. High Bible Study 8-9pm:

- April 18th
- May 2nd & 16th

There will be no Sr. High or Mid High Sunday School on Easter Sunday so that you can worship with your families.

## Water Ski Retreat Dates!!!



Sr. High - Aug. 5-7

Mid-High - July 15-17

## Scholarship Applications

New and Renewal Applications for the Ed Freepons Memorial College Scholarship are due by May 15th.

Applications are available on the church website ([www.cppc.us](http://www.cppc.us)) or from the church office.



Summer  
Schedules will  
be mailed by  
the end of the month!!!!

# Kids Club!



## A Note From Cheryl

Happy Spring!

Last week I had a wonderful Spring Break, but like always it filled up, went way to fast and I am back in school again!! What an encouraging week it was though. So many people came out and helped spruce up the church, the work-crews at the Peterson Farm. WOW!! I know that you don't hear thank you enough, so again "THANK YOU!!"

I would like to take this opportunity to ask you all to remember those who give their time to serve the congregation. Many people help out with Sunday School, pass out the bulletin before services, organize the Library, etc. and how often we forget to say "thank you." Time is not easy to give up. In fact, more often than not, you will find that people would rather pay money then give up their precious time. Please pray for these workers, that they may be continually encouraged as they serve their Lord and Master, joining Him in his work.

Most of you know that currently working in a Kindergarten classroom through the end of the year. It is such a joy and such a blessing to work with these 27 gifted and unique individuals. I am always amazed at the things they say, or the way they interpret things. They have taught me so much! Yesterday we were able to plant seeds for Mother's Day. Boy, were they excited! Working with these little ones is a daily reminder of how much I take for granted. The planting of the seeds is just one small example. They can't wait to see if their seed sprouts, can't wait to water it everyday, and absolutely LOVED getting their little hands dirty. I however, being a boring adult, have planted many seeds before and tend to forget just how amazing growing a flower truly is! WOW! Take a second and think about it. As adults, we miss SO much. We tend to complicate things, are in a hurry or we've "seen that before" that we don't take time anymore to just be in awe of how God is always at work around us, and thank Him for it.

I encourage you to take some time and remember what it is like to be a child. To see things from their perspective. To be excited about "the little things". To not over-complicate situations.

Love to you all through Him ~Cheryl

## "Like a Child"

Dear God, surround me as I speak,  
the bridges that I walk across are weak  
Frustrations fill the void that I can't  
solely bear

Dear God, don't let me fall apart,  
you've held me close to you  
I have turned away and searched for  
answers I can't understand

They say that I can move the mountains  
And send them crashing into the sea  
They say that I can walk on water  
If I would follow and believe  
with faith like a child

Sometimes, when I feel miles away  
and my eyes can't see your face  
I wonder if I've grown to lose the reck-  
lessness  
I walked in light of you

*[Little girl:]*

"I've got joy like a fountain!"  
"Be kind one to others"  
"In Jesus Christ Your son"

They say that love can heal the broken  
They say that hope can make you see  
They say that faith can find a Savior  
If you would follow and believe  
with faith like a child

## 4th/5th Graders

**Easter is just a few days away!! Get those books of the Bible memorized!  
Pizza and bowling party TBD.**

**PLEASE return the piggy banks (cardboard boxes) to the church within the next few weeks!**

**VBS dates are  
scheduled!!**

**Mark your  
Calendars**

**June 20th-24th**



## Holy Week Schedule

**April 17** ~ Palm Sunday (Deliver Easter Baskets to Honored Citizens)

**April 21** ~ Maundy Thursday Night Prayer ~ 7PM in the Fellowship Hall

**April 22** ~ Good Friday Cross Walk

- 6 PM - Meet at Martin Field on Whitman Dr College Place
- 7 PM - Good Friday Worship Service @ church

**April 23** ~ **Easter Sunday Worship Services**

- 6AM - Sunrise Service @ Peterson's Farm 1332 Last Chance Rd WW
- 8:00 AM Worship Service with "Blooming of the Cross"
- 9:30 & 11:00 AM Worship Services at the church

***Please remember to bring cut flowers for "Blooming of the Cross"***

### In Robin's Absence & Return

With the delay in Robin's return from Seattle, we want to reassure all of you that things will continue to run smoothly and remind you that we as the staff and elders are here to support and encourage you in any way that we can. We also want you to know that upon Robin's return to Walla Walla, we are planning for many things to continue to be running as they have been with Robin in Seattle. We are very aware that when Robin gets back, he is not going to be physically or medically able to do the things that we are all used to Robin doing. Skip will continue to be available for visitation and counseling, and Doug will continue to do much of the administrative leadership around the church. Our hope is that when Robin does return he can feel free to get the rest and space that he needs to heal, and that with not having to worry about all the little things, he will be freed to use his gifts of ministry when he feels ready and able.

If you have any questions, needs, or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call.

Doug - 509-301-1646    Skip - 509-386-2745  
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### Save the Dates:

Campbell Farm Golf Tournament

Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>

Mt Adams Country Club

Watch for sign up sheet in the foyer  
For info call Tim Scudder 529-6807  
or Clint Reimer 509-865-8439



*Ed Freepons*

*Scholarship Dinner*

*& Auction*

*Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>*

*Chef & Timm & Teri Johnson of  
A Wing & A Prayer BBQ will be  
creating a wonderful dinner  
for us. Plan to be there!*

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Silvers  
Tuesday, May 10th  
Watch for location

Men's Breakfast  
Saturday, May 21  
8:00 AM @church - Spouses Welcome

Retired or Wish You Were Potluck  
Friday, May 20  
Noon @ the church

Session Meeting  
Monday, April 25th  
7:00 PM @ church



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Robin's blog: [www.pastorpeterson.blogspot.com](http://www.pastorpeterson.blogspot.com)

There are copies of the blog in the foyer if you do not have access to a computer.



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