

College Place Presbyterian Church

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Friends and family of College Place Presbyterian Church

It is with a heavy heart that I am writing this letter. For our last newsletter, I wrote the main letter as a means of "filling in" for Robin. Due to the fact that he was exhausted from battling pneumonia and myriad of other complications from his stem cell transplant, he asked me to write something in his place. As I wrote, I felt a heavy burden to be filling in for a man that lived, served, and wrote so authentically. Never did I imagine that just a newsletter later, that heaviness of "filling in" would become the reality of life. Robin has had a profound impact on all of us and through his 32+ years of ministry to the Walla Walla Valley he has been a beacon of Christ's light to thousands. Today the heaviness comes not from feeling like Robin has big shoes to fill, but from the realization that with the guidance of the session Skip and I are responsible to lead our church into the future. Obviously, the loss of Robin's uniqueness and giftedness leaves our congregation with shoes that simply cannot be filled. Nobody will ever be able to "fill" the void that losing Robin leaves on our hearts, in our lives, in our church, and in our community.

As the elders begin to think and pray about the future of our church, it would be easy to oversimplify the situation and focus only on the need to "fill" Robin's position as soon as possible. After all it is only natural to see the empty shoes that have been left behind and think that the only way for us to survive is to "solve the problem". However, in all honesty such a response would limit our ability to be the church. Right now we find ourselves in a place where our future is wide open and therefore our main objective should be discerning where it is that God is leading us to next.

In the midst of the loss of a mentor, pastor, friend, and brother, God has allowed us to be in an amazingly good situation. We have 32 years of Robin's leadership and example that has taught us what it means to be a people of grace and mercy; we know what it takes to exist in Robin's absence; we have a great team of elders who are able and willing to represent all of you (see the list of Elders on the following page); and we as a congregation are strong in our passion to be serving Christ and His world. Because God has allowed our church to be in such a strong situation, we have a great deal of freedom in how we move ahead from here. We do not have to make any rash decisions, and can take our time figuring out what is most important to us, before we make any decisions regarding staffing.

This next week, session will be meeting to finalize the plans for how to address the church's needs while we go through the process of clarifying the future. Please be in prayer for the elders as we make these important decisions, and please know that we are working together on your behalf to make sure that our church remains a strong reflection of Christ's love to the Walla Walla Valley. Watch your mail in the weeks to come as we will be sending out a letter explaining what the session decides and breaking down the process that we believe God is leading us through.

Humbly in Christ,

Doug

A Note from Skip

"Grace...God will give you the grace!" Words often heard while Renee and I were living in the Philippines serve to remind and encourage during this time of grief and adjustment. The apostle Paul expressed it this way in I Corinthians 12:9-10, "And He (Christ) has said to me 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.' Most gladly therefore, I will rather boast about my weakness, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am well content in weakness...for when I am weak, then I am strong." These words that Robin so often preached and expounded on now come to fruition in our lives as we struggle with his passing, focus on tasks at hand, and contemplate what lies ahead. There is great comfort here as we are assured that God will be ever present supplying our needs. We have nothing to fear or be anxious about. In fact we can have confidence in the assurance that God is faithful and that we will be supplied with all that we need to thrive.

Gratitude! I am thankful for the privilege Robin offered to me 12 years ago this month to serve this church family. Over this time I have learned and experienced what it means to be a church family in ways never before known. By the love, care, and service shown to each other one can look at all of you and say, "indeed, these are Christ's disciples!" Thank you for teaching me in so many ways. I cannot think of anywhere I else I would rather be than walking and serving with you. Thank you for your faithfulness and the encouragement you pour out in the lives you live. In the midst of great sadness and loss I am finding joy and contentment in anticipation of how God's power and faithfulness will be perfected. May we all be compassionate, patient, loving, and encouraging as we lock arms and walk together in the days before us. With admiration and gratitude...grace to you!

Skip

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2011-12 Ed Freepons College Scholarship Recipients

Allyssa Barnett	Peter Lucas-Roberts
Dana Borer	Emebet Madiso
Erica Burmood	Angela McCaw
Alex Ceron	Bailey Nelson
Hailee Cole	Cleo Peterson
Michael Collison	Ella Peterson
Cameron Davis	Greg Prins
Renee Eggart	Lia Prins
Carley Frazier	Michele Prior
Courtney Frazier	Sam Quackenbush
Kendra Greenwood	Rachel Rieke
Wade Hicks	Bailey Ruff
Justin Hutcherson	Katherine Tucker
Imena James	Lindsie Wagner
Brianne Javaux	David Weisner
Kiersten Jenkins	Michael Weisner
Victoria Jones	Anthony Wellington
Jeffrey Ladderud	Stephanie Wilson

Current Elders on Session

Allison Barnett
Peggy Cox
Doug Hayes
Dennis Ledford
Kim Keller
Wayne Narum
Janis Nelson
Patty Morehouse
Bill Musick
Skip Pritchard
Robert Rothstrom
Mindy Stevens



Youth Ministry Report

Summer Schedule thru July 13

Senior High

June 12 - 7-8:30 - Youth Group @ church

June 19- 6-8:30 - Kickoff BBQ @ Doug's 3100

Brisbane—bring swimsuit & towel

June 26- 7-8:30 Ice Blocking @ Blueridge

Elementary

July 3- 7-8:30—Pool Party @ Doug's 3100

Brisbane—bring swimsuit & towel

July 10- 7-8:30—Youth Group @ church

Mid High

June 15—7-8:30—Youth Group @ church

June 22—7-8:30— Youth Group @ Doug's 3100

Brisbane—bring swimsuit & towel

June 29—7-8:30—Ice Blocking @ Blueridge

Elementary

June 6—7-8:30—Youth Group @ Doug's 3100

Brisbane—bring swimsuit & towel

July 13—No Youth Group due to water ski retreat

If you did not receive a full summer schedule of Mid & Senior High Youth events in the mail, please call the church 529-3210.

Contact Info

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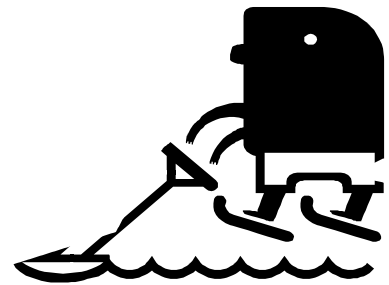
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At church 529-3210

325 NE Damson CP 99324

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Doug at anytime.

Water Ski Retreat Dates!!!



Sr. High - Aug. 5-7

Mid-High - July 15-17



Attention All Youth! Vacation Bible School June 20-24

If you are interested in helping out, please call Cheryl 520-9601 or the church 529-3210



Boats &
Drivers Needed
for Water Ski Retreats
Call Doug if you can
volunteer—Thanks!!!

Kids Club!



A Note From Cheryl

I hope that this letter finds you all basking in the sun, hopefully with sunscreen on (I tend to forget that part). I just wanted to write a short note informing you of the next few events happening at the church concerning kid's club, and hope that you can be a part!

This coming Sunday is the LAST day of Kid's Club and Preschool and it is **Pentecost** as well. The children will all be in the fellowship hall, along with the teachers. We have some wonderful "balloon-blower-uppers", and the children will be attaching notes to these before we release them. Following the releasing of the balloons, we will have cookies and coffee available in the fellowship hall. If you are able, put your baking mittens on this week, and bring your favorite cookies to share. Please remember to tell those teachers thank you for all they have done for our kids. They do a wonderful job!

Next up....**Vacation Bible School (VBS)**!! It's happening in just less than two weeks, **June 20-June 24th**. It is from **9-12 AM**, and I am so excited!! Last year was my first VBS and I walked away feeling so blessed. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with kids and other adult believers, a way to build lasting relationships. I would like to encourage you to take this opportunity to apply the gifts God has given you. Someone approached me today and said, "I would help but I really just don't work with kids." GUESS WHAT? We all have a different gift and we would LOVE to have all who can be, be a part of this outreach. There are many different ways to get involved. Maybe it's asking your neighbor kids if they want to go and dropping them off. Maybe it's doing the decorating, the clean-up, acting, singing, or simply being there for the kids-to show them God's love. We have a lot of younger people helping out, but I see a need for a few more older adults. It's good for us to bridge that gap with the kids.

I do want to say a big Thank You! All of the craft and snack supplies have been signed up for, or provided for! That in itself has been very encouraging.

If you would like to sign your kids up, please contact me either through phone or email. Vacation Bible School is a gift. It is the church's way to outreach, to show God's love to the children. We do not charge, but we do ask that the children give what they can toward the offering. This year the offering will be going to Haiti, to help with the second cholera outbreak. ALL that is received is given.

The last day of VBS, Friday, we will have a volunteers picnic and pool party at Doug and Shannon's house. The food will be provided so please come! I also want to take this opportunity to remind you all that the website is up and going. Doug has been doing a great job at keeping it updated, so if you would like more information, you may find it there!

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Thank you for the support and the wonderful outreach opportunities you all allow for us!

Blessings to you all!

Love,

Cheryl

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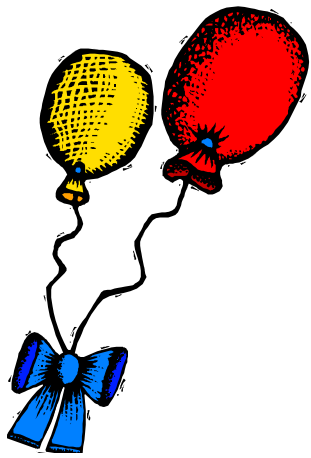
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Children's Church will be starting up on **June 26th**. The kids will go to the first part of service with their parents, and then I will take them downstairs. This is for all kids from 5th grade on down, including the preschoolers.

Save the Date
Thursday, July 14th
All Church
Summer Fun Night
Watch for Info



Join us for the Annual
Pentecost Coffee Hour &
Balloon Release
Sunday, June 12th
Between 2nd & 3rd Worship
Services

Memorial Service
Rev. Robin Peterson
Sunday, July 3rd
3:00 p.m.

Walla Walla University
Church
212 S.W. 4th Street
College Place, WA

Save the Dates:
Ed Freepons
Scholarship Dinner
& Auction 5PM
Sunday, July 24th
Chef & Timm & Teri Johnson of
A Wing & A Prayer BBQ will
be creating a wonderful dinner
for us. Please be thinking of
an item for the auction.
Antique, Art, Gift Basket,
Vacation or Dinner. Let you
imagination get going!

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Session Meeting
Monday, June 13
7:00 PM @ church

Retired or Wish You Were Potluck
Friday, June 17
Noon @ the church

Silvers
Tuesday, June 14
At Rogers Bakery CP

Men's Breakfast
Saturday, May 18
7:30 AM @ the church

**CIRCLE G RANCH VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 20-24 9AM TO NOON GRADES K-5**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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