

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD’S LOVE

GREETING (ACTS 4:18–20; 5:27–29)
“So [the ruling council] called [Peter and John] and ordered them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in God’s sight to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard”... [When they continued to teach, they were brought] before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, “We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man’s blood on us.” But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than any human authority.

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER Berni Mueller

✦**CALL TO WORSHIP** (PSALM 37:1-4)
Leader: Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,
People: for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.
Leader: Trust in the Lord, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.
People: Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

✦**SONG OF PRAISE** REJOICE, w/m by Shive, Fowler, Getty, Getty, and Peterson

CALL TO CONFESSION (ESTHER 4:11-16)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful God, we confess that we can become so tightly bound to rules, traditions, and expectations that we lose sight of your heart. Forgive us when we measure ourselves and others by outward standards while neglecting mercy, justice, humility, and love. Give us the courage of Esther to recognize when faithfulness requires more than simply preserving ourselves within what feels safe or acceptable. Although we can be a stiff-necked people, pardon our iniquity and our sin. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

PROCLAMATION OF GRACE (EXODUS 34:1-9)

✦**GRATEFUL RESPONSE** HYMN # 56 – SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE

✦**PASSING OF THE PEACE** “May the peace of Christ be with you....And, also with you”
At this time, the congregation may greet each other with peace.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S LOVE

SCRIPTURE READING JOHN 18:19-36 Jon Bachelder
Leader: Blessed are those who hear and keep what is written,
in the light of Jesus, the Word made flesh.
People: Thanks be to God.

✦**SONG OF FAITH** BLESSED BE YOUR NAME, w/m by Redman and Redman

SCRIPTURE READING ROMANS 13

SERIES: PAUL’S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

SERMON “PUT ON THE LORD JESUS CHRIST” Rev. Dr. Brad Busiek

WE EMBRACE GOD’S LOVE

OFFERING
In response to God’s love, we are invited to reflect on how we might give thanks to God through the sharing of our time, talents, and treasures. (During this time, offering plates will be passed down the pews. There is no obligation to give. If you wish to let us know you’re here, volunteer, or receive a call, please fill out a yellow connect card and put it in the offering plate.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

WE ARE SENT OUT TO SHARE GOD’S LOVE IN THE WORLD

✦**CHARGE AND BLESSING** (COLOSSIANS 3:12-17)

✦**SONG OF DEDICATION** HYMN # 492 – SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

✦*Those who are able, are invited to stand.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Smith Memorial Presbyterian Church! We are glad you are here and invite you to gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship for coffee, treats, and conversations.

Family Picnic, Pray, and Play - Children and Family Ministry Gatherings

We invite families and anyone interested in being a part of this growing ministry to gather near the fireplace at the tables in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays after worship to eat together, connect with one another, plan future events, pray, and/or play together. We will continue to organize special Family Funday events on the 2nd Sundays of the month and create some sort of interactive experience during worship for children and families on those 2nd Sundays as well.

Register to Walk for Your Neighbor - We would love for you to walk with us in our 3rd annual 5K "Walk for Your Neighbor" fundraiser for our food pantry at Fairview Community Park from 9 am to noon on Monday, September 7. **Register for the walk and t-shirt using this link.** <https://www.vancoevents.com/us/DTKV>

School Supplies - It's that time of year, again, and kids (and teachers) are getting ready to go back to school. Norma Ruble and LeeAnne Kindel are collecting school supply donations **through the end of August only**. Look for flyers and the blue donation tub in the entryway. Thank you for your help!

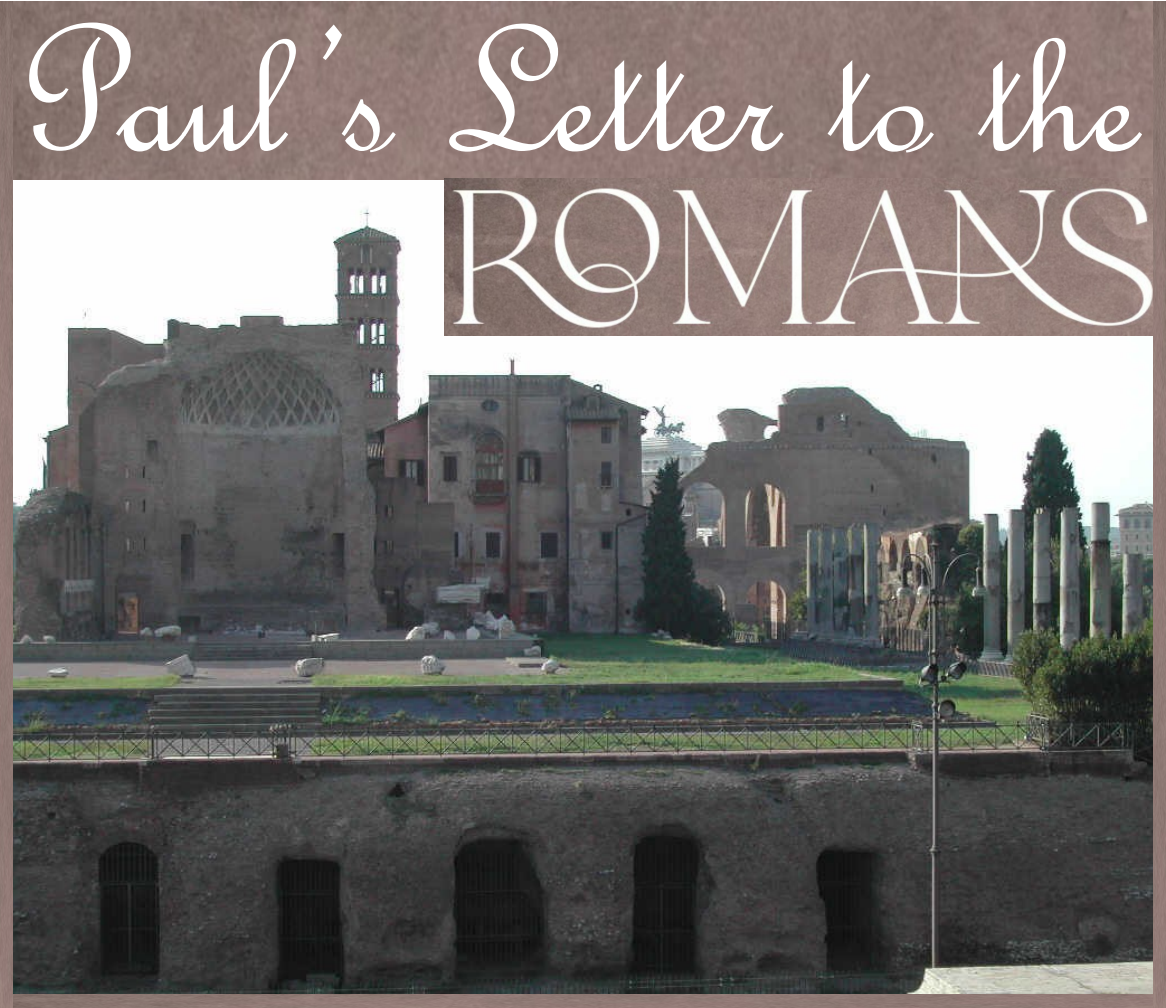
All Church Potluck, Sunday, August 30 - Start planning ahead for this fifth Sunday of the month event. Join the entire congregation for lunch right after worship in the Fellowship Hall. What dish will you share?

Scrooge the Musical Auditions, Saturday, September 12, 2:00-4:00 pm - Contact Grace Grieve at grievegenerations@gmail.com / 503-757-2390 for more information. Performances are Dec. 5, 6, 12, & 13.

REGULAR HAPPENINGS AT SMPC <i>(schedule changes in italics)</i>				
Day (next date)	Time	Event	Meeting Place	Contact
Sundays	11:45 - 12:15pm	Voice Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Michael Day
2nd Sunday (9/13)	11:30 - 1:00pm	Deacon's Meeting	Upper Room	Marty Strange
Tuesdays	10:30 -11:30am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Joyce Botsch
Wednesdays	10:00 -11:30am	Bible Study	Fellowship Hall	Lyn Palmer
Wednesdays	10:00 - 3:00pm	Sewing Group	Upper Room	Gayle Burke
Wednesdays	6:00 - 8:00pm	Youth Group	Church Campus	Pastor Brad
2nd Wednesday (9/9)	5:00pm	Healing Hearts	Location varies	Berni or Becky
3rd Wednesday (9/16)	5:30 - 6:30pm	Community Dinner	Fellowship Hall	Pastor Brad
Thursdays	10:30 -11:30am	Gentle Exercise	Fellowship Hall	Joyce Botsch
Thursdays	2:00-3:30pm	Line Dancing	Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch
2nd/4th Thursday (8/27)	12:00 - 2:00pm	Yarn & Thread	Fireside Room	Joyce Botsch
Thursdays	6:00 - 7:30pm	Jubilant Bells	Sanctuary	Michael Day
Fridays	9:30 - 11:30am	Food Pantry Prep	Church campus	Julie Weindel
Saturdays	10:00 - 12:30pm	Food Pantry	Church campus	Julie Weindel
3rd Saturday (9/19)	Time varies	Outriggers	Location varies	Barb Lintner
Last Sunday (8/30)	9:00 - 10:00am	Poverty Book Group	Upper Room	Amy Busiek
5th Sunday (8/30)	After worship	All Church Potluck	Fellowship Hall	Janet Emch

NEXT WEEK'S (AUGUST 30) SUNDAY SERVANTS			
Greeters	Barb Lintner and Natalie Lintner	Opening Prayer	Jacque McAlevy
Ushers	Larry Barnett and Sherre Barnett	Scripture Reader	Becky Bush
Special Helper	Jennie Spencer	Recorders	Alicia Campbell and Lyn Palmer
Refreshments	All-Church Potluck		
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