

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD’S LOVE

GREETING (ACTS 28:1-2)
“After we had reached safety, we then learned that the island was called Malta. The natives showed us unusual kindness. Since it had begun to rain and was cold, they kindled a fire and welcomed all of us around it.”

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER Jacque McAlevy

✦**CALL TO WORSHIP** (PSALM 65:1-5)
Leader: Praise is due to you, O God.... To you all flesh shall come.
People: *When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.*
Leader: Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple.
People: *By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth.*

✦**SONG OF PRAISE** *BUILD MY LIFE*, w/m by Younker, Martin, Kaple, Redman, and Barret

CALL TO CONFESSION (ISAIAH 56:3-8)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Loving God, you call us to be a people who welcome others, yet we confess that we have often built walls where you have opened doors. We have been impatient when others do not share our culture or convictions. We have been unkind toward those who are different from us. We have insisted on our way rather than seeking the good of our neighbor. Forgive us for the ways we have made people feel like outsiders - for the times we have treated others as though they do not belong. Forgive us and teach us the love of Christ. Hear now our silent prayers of confession...

PROCLAMATION OF GRACE (1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8a)

✦**GRATEFUL RESPONSE** *GOD WELCOMES ALL*, words by John Bell; music from South Africa (soloist 1x acapella, then everyone 2x acapella, finally 3x adding rhythm instruments)

✦**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 LUKE 18:9-16 Becky Bush
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** HYMN # 415 – *WHEN WE ARE LIVING*

SCRIPTURE READING ROMANS 14

SERIES: PAUL’S LETTER TO THE ROMANS

SERMON “*WE BELONG TO GOD*” Rev. Dr. Brad Busiek

WE EMBRACE GOD’S LOVE

OFFERING *Who You SAY I AM*, w/m by Ben Fielding & Reuben Morgan
In response to God’s love, we are invited to reflect on how we might share our time, talents, and treasures as a gift of thanks to God. (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** (1 THESSALONIANS 5:5-11)

✦**SONG OF DEDICATION** *BY OUR LOVE*, w/m by Christy Nockels

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Warm Welcome to Everyone! We are glad you have joined us for worship today and invite you to gather in the Fellowship Hall after worship for a potluck lunch and conversations.

All-Church Potluck, Today - When months have a fifth Sunday, we have a Potluck lunch. Join the entire congregation right after worship in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome, even if you forgot to bring a dish, and help with clean up is greatly appreciated too!

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. On September 13, join us for family friendly games of BINGO for all ages.

Walk for Your Neighbor - Please 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 using this link:** <https://www.vancoevents.com/us/DTKV> and then go get some sponsors.

Today is the Last Sunday to Bring School Supply Donations - Kids (and teachers) are getting ready to go back to school and need school supplies. Look for flyers and the blue donation tub in the entryway. Thank you for your help! Contact Norma Ruble or LeeAnne Kindel for more information.

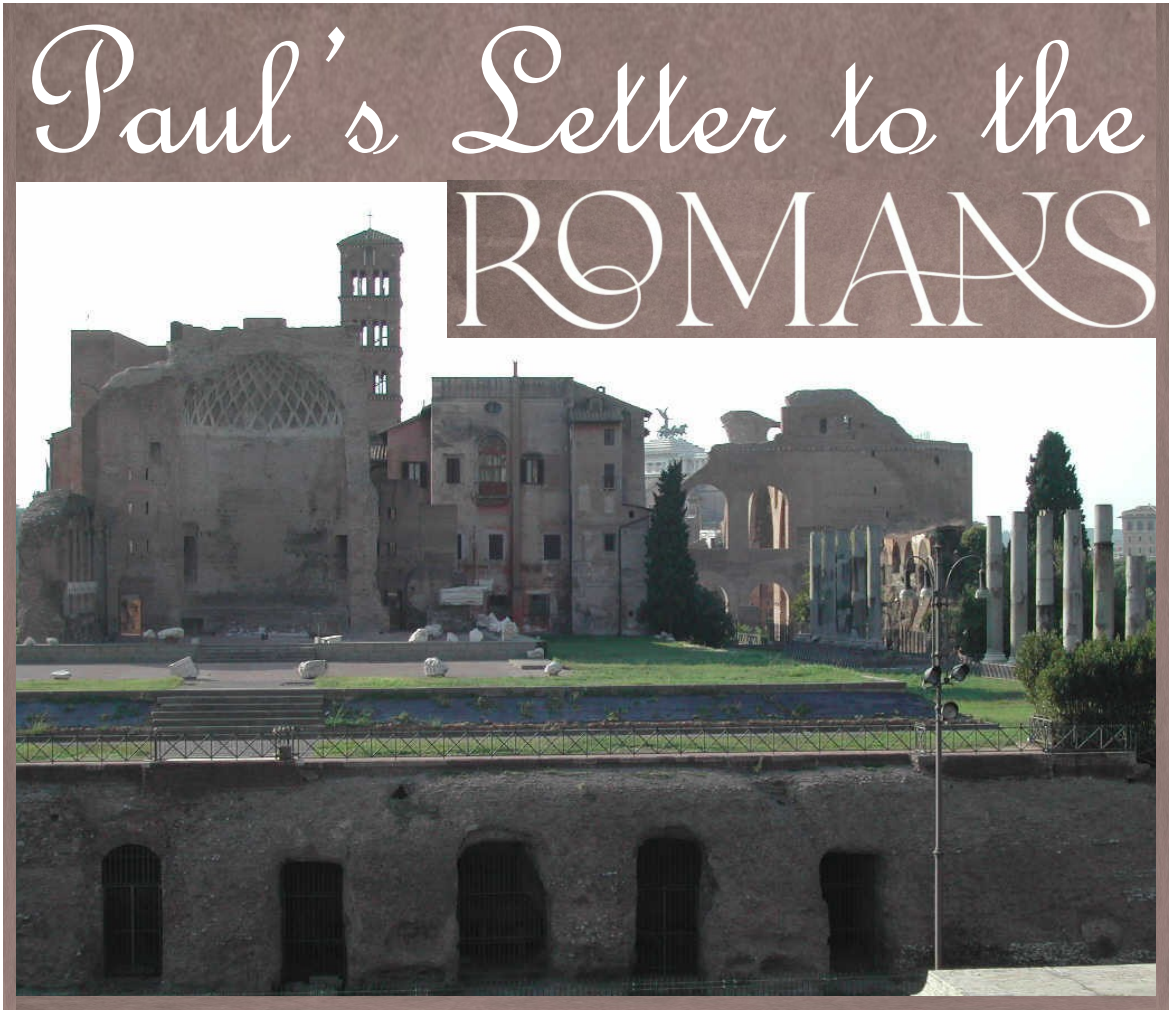
Scrooge the Musical Auditions, Saturday, September 12, 2:00-4:00 pm - Contact Grace Grieve at grievenerations@gmail.com / 503-757-2390 for more information. Performances are Dec. 5, 6, 12, & 13.

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 (9/10)	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 (SEPTEMBER 6) SUNDAY SERVANTS			
Greeters	Alicia Campbell and Trish Weatherbee	Opening Prayer	Connie Erickson
Ushers	Joyce Botsch and Lyn Palmer	Scripture Reader	Jennie Spencer
Special Helper	Steve Marker	Recorders	Alicia Campbell and Lyn Palmer
Refreshments	Outriggers		

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