



The Mustard Seed

Open Door Congregational Church
Deer Park, Washington
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*If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed,
nothing shall be impossible unto you.*
Matthew 17:20



“Moving Forward”

“9 And I pray this: that your love will keep on growing in knowledge and every kind of discernment, 10 so that you can approve the things that are superior and can be pure and blameless in the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.”
~ Philippians 1:9-11 (HCSB)

In the Army we had a saying - “Adapt and overcome.” The idea was that whenever we hit an obstacle or encountered a difficult situation that we were not quite prepared for, we had to change our approach in order to move forward with the mission. The ability to adapt means that we have the ability to change and to grow. Growth and change are two words that can be used to describe life. We are constantly growing (some growth is better than others); and growth brings change. And change, while sometimes scary, is necessary for growth.

Things are changing a bit here at the Open Door Congregational Church. While we have opened back up for services, it is difficult because we are not able to hold any of our special fellowship functions (third Sunday lunches, for example). We are livestreaming and FM broadcasting the services, but I still feel that we are missing people. I ask each of you to continue reaching out to one another, checking on one another, and sharing the Gospel message so that we can be assured that nobody is falling through the cracks.

Another change that is taking place involves our Christian Education and Youth Ministries. Karen Mager, our long-time (and wonderful!) Christian Education Director has officially retired from the position. Karen has been teaching our kids since 2011 (me since 2017!). Our entire ministry has moved forward and has grown stronger thanks to the work that Karen has put into this congregation. We owe her a huge thank you for all that she has done. She will be staying with us and will continue to teach Sunday School when she is in town. To help fill the void that she leaves behind, we have hired Pastor Matt Wheeler to be an Associate Pastor responsible for Christian Education, Youth Group, and other pastoral duties. Pastor Matt will begin in August and our first goal will be to find a way to get our Youth Group up and running in this current COVID climate. Change... not always what we think we want, but how we respond to it will determine whether or not we grow.

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Pastor Jim (Continued)

So far, I’ve only talked about growth and change generally in life and specifically in the church. I would like to talk about growth and change in our spiritual and faith lives for a moment. In Philippians 1:9-11, the Apostle Paul speaks to us about growing - in love. His prayer is that our love keeps growing in knowledge and discernment. It is only as our love for God and for one another grows that we can truly change and then we begin to be conformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into the image of Christ. This is when we will move forward in faith as individuals and as a congregation sharing the love of God and the peace of Christ in our community, “... filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.”

I pray that God will bless you all and that you may hold onto the peace of Christ until His return.

In Christ,

Pastor Jim

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Offering Total	June 2020	
	Offering	\$ 13,332.00
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Scholarship Committee

Thank you to all the applicants who turned in applications for both the Drumheller Scholarship and the General Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee looks forward to reviewing the applicants in August and awarding scholarships in September. This is a great opportunity Open Door Congregation has been blessed with, being able to help college students associated with our church and our community. Our prayer is that with these funds, we help our students achieve their dreams and so they can use their degrees to spread the good news of the Gospel. Thank you to everyone who has given to this ministry, you are truly blessing our community



Birthdays

- Aug 1 Dan Berg
- Aug 6 Leslie Busch
Chase Taylor
- Aug 9 David Taisey
- Aug 12 Alexis Hallgarth
Donald Ball
- Aug 14 Bob Arnold
Judy Coffin
- Aug 17 Linda Millhorn
- Aug 19 Jim Lyonais
- Aug 19 Adam Harris
- Aug 20 Tabatha Phillips
- Aug 22 Jace Varang
- Aug 30 Robbie Paul
- Aug 31 Søren Janson

*Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain
a heart of wisdom.*

~ Psalm 90:12

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Outreach Committee

A big warm hug, a holy kiss, and a big toothy grin from Outreach. I just want to say I am part of an amazing group of ladies here at Outreach. I feel like I need to join more committees to meet the other amazing ladies here at Church or host a Bible Study. I tell you I always feel so blessed when I leave our meetings.

So I have been doing an Inductive Bible study on my own in Ephesians and for some reason I have not been able to get past Ephesians Chapter 4 . I read it over and over and these words and verses keep sticking out to me,

Ephesians 4:4 One body, one Spirit

4:12 building up the body of Christ

4:13 unity of faith

4:23 renewed in the Spirit of your mind

4:28 He must labor, so that he will have something to share (repeat) something to share with one who has need. I used to think, after reading this verse, I needed to plant more in my garden or get more chickens but now that I read it again this way, maybe it means something bigger :)

Which brings me to announce (drum roll please) our books have arrived for the O.D.C.C. Women's Bible Study! Yay!

If you are interested our Bible Study is on "A Stranger on the Road to Emmaus." We will have a couple books and workbooks set in the library for you to look at and a sheet for those who are interested (**Not a sign up**). You can also check this out on Goodseed.com if you are not able to come to the Church.

We will also have an open house August 24th at 6 pm at the Lighthouse so you can ask questions and get a good look at the book. **And sign up**

These are the dates we are thinking -

Monday August 31st at 6 p.m.

Tuesday September 1st at 10 a.m.(this is the same study just a different day for ladies who can't make the evening study)

It will probably run about 2 hours and be over by Thanksgiving **and/or** sometime after the New Year. I am praying by this time we can have a women's bible study with food, worship, lots of hugs and NO masks!

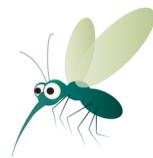
In HIS Service,

Audrie Miller

I want the whole Christ for my Savior, the whole Bible for my book the whole Church for my fellowship and the whole world for my mission field.

John Wesley

"I want to be so full of Christ that if a mosquito bites me, it flies away singing there is power in the Blood."



Ladies Guild by Coleen Wood

I am looking at my list of 'to-dos'. Surely everyone has one of those. There are 'things' that are number one, then it goes down from there. So you get on to one of those 'things', then 'that' gets in the way. So 'that' gets the attention. And of course with a family someone needs 'something' done, like right now! Naturally 'something' is much more important. So 'it' gets done first. Back to the list, and try to get to the next 'thing' on the list. Then on to 'that'. 'Something' else needs doing first. It seems to go on and on like this all day. 'Things' get partly done and then family comes first again. Does 'anything' get completed? By the end of the day it seems like 'nothing' gets done. Does this sound familiar? So who cares, tomorrow is another day, but family is always first no matter what is on that list!

*God puts each fresh morning, each a new chance of life,
into our hands as a gift to see what
we will do with it.*

Author unknown

Trustees

With the limited activity at the church and "remote meetings" I feel somehow displaced from the Trustees Committee, however the church goes on and the tasks still need to be addressed.

We are doing ALL of the exciting work of dealing with sump pump and hot water heater issues as well as maintaining the sprinkler system and keeping the lawn up to speed so that AS SOON as we can reopen fully the facility will be ready! And hopefully we will get our repaired chandeliers rehung shortly.

Okay, that stuff isn't very exciting .. BUT WHAT IS exciting is that the church has decided to make the move to take the plunge of hiring Pastor Matt Wheeler in the role of "Associate Pastor." Matt (as you may have heard) will be picking up where Karen Mager left off and coordinating the youth programs as well as assisting Pastor Jim in administrative duties (as well as playing some percussion with the Worship Team!).

Welcome Matt ... and if you have any aptitude for sprinkler system maintenance or mowing lawns ... HAVE I GOT A DEAL FOR YOU!

Jeff

Anniversaries

Aug 2	Gary & Darna Michie	Aug 20	Everett & Dian Miller
Aug 3	Jay & Amy Lindh	Aug 24	Scott & Julie Stevens
Aug 6	Lee & Jackie Bratcher		Jeff & Lesa Wolfe
Aug 8	Gloria & Lance Dennison	Aug 25	Garry & Laura Blew
Aug 10	Brian & Lisa Coe		Ken & Bonne Ahrens
Aug 11	David & Karen Taisey	Aug 31	Vince & LaFern Janson
Aug 10	Burgess & Coleen Wood		

Christian Ed Committee By Darna Michie

Is any lie okay? Shouldn't we always tell the truth no matter what? What about white lies? Isn't a well-intentioned lie still a lie? Can a trusting relationship withstand a lie of any sort? Can the "omission" of truth be considered a lie? We've all heard the old saying "what they don't know won't hurt them". Whether it's a child or an adult, the thing about a lie is that in most cases the truth always comes out and quite often, someone or all are left hurting. We raise our children telling them that they should always tell the truth and that telling the truth will make them trustworthy. Then along comes "**traditional worldly events**" and we create some of the most fantastic and biggest of lies...**JUST FOR FUN!** I'm not throwing stones here...I'm guilty too and oh how I wish I could go back in time and rewrite my script! The closer I walk with God, the more I recognize that He hates lies of every sort. The book of Proverbs has many verses about lying: **Proverbs 12:19** Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue, only a moment. **Proverbs 12:22** Lying lips are detestable to the LORD, but faithful people are His delight. **Proverbs 15:4** The tongue that heals is a tree of life, but a devious tongue breaks the spirit.

As parents, it's our job to reinforce honesty in all aspects of our children's lives. I often question why we live in such a time...a time when so many young people (for the past 40-50 years) are falling away from belief in Jesus. Could it possibly be that the lies have grown and grown to the proportion of eroding away the truth - the **BIBLICAL TRUTH**? Lying is ultimately the work of the devil. Jesus taught us in **John 8:44**, "**You are of your father the Devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning and has not stood in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he speaks from his own nature, because he is a liar and the father of liars.**" Keep this verse in mind, what if the lies we tell our children today affect their Salvation? In that context, was it really that much FUN? If I had it to do over, I would think very carefully about the stories I read my children, the movies we watched and the fantasies that I so willingly spun with the sanction of this corrupt world. WE NEED to WAKE UP! This world is a dangerous place, especially for a Christian child and it's up to us to arm our children. **Ephesians 6:11-20** Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the tactics of the Devil. ¹²For our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world powers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavens. ¹³This is why you must take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand. ¹⁴**Stand, therefore, with TRUTH like a belt around your waist**, righteousness like armor on your chest,¹⁵ and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In every situation take the shield of faith, and with it you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is God's word. ¹⁸Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert in this with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, that the message may be given to me when I open my mouth to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel. ²⁰For this I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I might be bold enough in Him to speak as I should.

Now I ask you - simply put: **"Is there really such a thing as a "harmless lie"?"**

Haiti Mission Letter by Gene Gentry

I have been struggling with what to say about producing chickens at the University. In 2016 Mike and I met the Upper Limbe Church Development Committee to discuss a proposal to develop a poultry cooperative to supply meat at reasonable costs to the community and provide income or food to those who invested in the endeavor. All chicken was imported from the Dominican Republic at that time. We never located a good location for the project.

In January 2017 the Agriculture Department of the University was included as one of the participants in the project. The project would serve as a training opportunity for students in the agriculture program and help supply meat for the University. That summer, if I am correct, the foundation of a chicken house and half of the floor was poured on the University campus which is a more secure and desirable location for the project. Since that time, when we arrived at the University, we have met with interested parties but little progress has been made because there is not a strong leader who has the time, authority and ability to push ahead. The person who developed the original proposal is not strong enough to move the program forward.

Recently the subject of the poultry project has been raised again by the Agriculture Department. In mid-June, Robert, the Dean of Agriculture, Mike and I were able to talk with Robert by the internet. It was proposed that Max who works with the veterinary team would be interested working to get the project moving. I suggested we need an updated budget for the project. Other questions will need investigation since much has changed since 2018. We believe Max can accomplish that study and then move the project ahead.

Yesterday I called the President of the University who is in the US working on financial support and other issues caused by the Coronavirus shut down. He is working on reopening the campus this fall. He informed me practical work will continue to be available for the agricultural students. I raised the issue of the poultry project and he said, "Now is the time to move ahead." Already he talked with the church representative and the Dean of Agriculture. The President has assured us of his support but he has many other responsibilities for the University.

Is now the time to work on this? I think it has been a need for several years. The Helping Haitians team has worked on other issues, livestock treatment and English. Now is the time to look to the future. Pray for Max as he gathers the necessary information. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide as we examine future involvement, not only spiritual health but also the more abundant physical health for themselves and their families. **Is this now the time to restart this project?**



Evangelism Committee

By Darna Michie

Scriptures from KJV Romans 13:1 Everyone must submit to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except from God, and those that exist are instituted by God. We're into the season that not because of the weather, we may become over-heated...it happens every 4 years in this country. As Christians, we need to recognize that God is in charge all of the time! We can argue about politics, if that's how we want to waste our time, but ultimately God chooses in order to carry out HIS WILL! Because of our Christian outlook, we may be under attack and the attacks may be made by someone we feel close to; they may accuse us of not being Christian because we view an issue from a different perspective. They might say "if you really LOVE everyone, you'll agree with me because I'm right" or "if you really LOVE everyone, you'll not judge them". They don't realize the difference between judging someone and trying to counsel them by exhortation using the word of God. **2 Timothy 4:2-5** Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. ³For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; ⁴And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. ⁵But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

If the person who's trying to change our minds becomes belligerent or even attacks us with profanities, etc, we must not allow them to stir up anger in us. We need to forgive them and ask for the guidance of the Holy Spirit "What would Jesus do?" **1 Peter 3:8-10** Now finally, all of you should be like-minded and sympathetic, should love believers, and be compassionate and humble, ⁹not paying back evil for evil or insult for insult but, on the contrary, giving a blessing, since you were called for this, so that you can inherit a blessing. ¹⁰For the one who wants to love life and to see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit,.

Keep in mind at all times that we are ALL made in the image of God and that, we are ALL his children, no matter what our politics, no matter where we or they may stand on any of the issues. **Luke 6:27** But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them which hate you,

I'm not trying to say that everyone who doesn't see the way you see hates you, but it may feel to you like they do. They may not even realize the pain they've caused you. Remember, that as long as we believe Jesus is the Son of God and we obey God; following the directives of His word, we'll get through it...maybe a little bruised, but prayerfully and hopefully we'll arrive at the end of it with a deeper and stronger conviction to share the WORD of God through any and all means that He provides.

1 John 4:7-8 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. ⁸He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

Evangelism Committee (Continued)

When we're accused of being unloving, maybe what the accuser doesn't realize is that God is not only LOVE, but he's also the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE and everything in this fallen world that doesn't line up with Scripture is wrong, **NOT BECAUSE WE SAY it's WRONG**, but because GOD says it's wrong; when the Holy Spirit lives in us, we also recognize that it's wrong. If it isn't in sync with God's word, it's a lie... and in John 8:44 Jesus makes it clear that Satan is the father of lies. At every opportunity, Satan will take the truth and warp it out of shape until humans can't see they are being deceived. This is why we need to turn to the Scriptures to seek the truth. So what is the actual purpose of a Christian in this fallen world? Jesus tells us to LOVE GOD with all our heart and to LOVE our NEIGHBOR as ourselves. When we LOVE GOD, we also believe, follow and obey His word. HE gave us the Bible - HIS WORD, so there would be no misunderstandings.

Food Distribution

In cooperation with Second Harvest Food Bank, the Open Door will now distribute food boxes on Mondays from 3-4 pm. If you or someone you know could benefit from this program, please stop on by. If you are available to assist with the distribution, please let us know.

Worship Committee

This August, we officially welcome Matt Wheeler to the Open Door Congregational Church as our new Associate Pastor. We are blessed and excited to have Matt join Pastor Jim in filling our pastoral needs.

Now that summer is in full swing, we can enjoy its beautiful warm days, and bounty of local fresh fruits, vegetables and flowers. Like summer gardens grow, so can our spiritual growth. As expressed in John 15:4-5 ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Speaking of summer, it would have been nice if the COVID-19 virus took a summer vacation, but since it is sticking around we are lucky to be able to partake in multiple options for worship services, such as in-person, online, or over the radio at FM 90.7. Please continue to pray for those who need healing and give thanks to God for our many everyday miracles.

Stay safe and healthy.



-Daily Lectionary- August 2020

*These lectionary readings are from A Daily Lectionary-Scripture readings for Every Day based on the New Common Lectionary. Please share this resource with members of your church. *The readings listed for Sundays are included but not part of the daily lectionary cycle.*

Aug. 1	Psalm 17:1-7, 15	Genesis 31:1-21	Matthew 7:7-11
Aug. 2	Genesis 32:22-31	Romans 9:1-5 Psalm 17:1-7, 15	Matthew 14:13-21
Aug. 3	Psalm 17:1-7, 15	Genesis 31:22-42	Romans 1:8-15
Aug. 4	Psalm 17:1-7, 15	Genesis 32:3-21	Acts 2:37-47
Aug. 5	Psalm 17:1-7, 15	Isaiah 43:1-7	Matthew 15:32-39
Aug. 6	Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	Genesis 35:22b-29	Acts 17:10-15
Aug. 7	Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	Genesis 36:1-8	Acts 18:24-28
Aug. 8	Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	Genesis 37:5-11	Matthew 16:1-4
Aug. 9	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Romans 10:5-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b	Matthew 14:22-33
Aug. 10	Psalm 28	Genesis 37:29-36	2 Peter 2:4-10
Aug. 11	Psalm 28	Genesis 39:1-23	Romans 9:14-29
Aug. 12	Psalm 28	Genesis 40:1-23	Matthew 8:23-27
Aug. 13	Psalm 133	Genesis 41:14-36	Revelation 15:1-4
Aug. 14	Psalm 133	Genesis 41:37-57	Acts 14:19-28
Aug. 15	Psalm 133	Genesis 42:1-28	Matthew 14:34-36
Aug. 16	Genesis 45:1-15	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Psalm 133	Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28
Aug. 17	Psalm 130	Genesis 43:1-34	Acts 15:1-21
Aug. 18	Psalm 130	Genesis 44:1-34	Romans 11:13-29
Aug. 19	Psalm 130	Genesis 45:16-28	Matthew 8:1-13
Aug. 20	Psalm 124	Genesis 49:1-33	1 Corinthians 6:1-11
Aug. 21	Psalm 124	Genesis 49:29 - 50:14	2 Corinthians 10:12-18
Aug. 22	Psalm 124	Genesis 50:15-26	Matthew 16:5-12
Aug. 23	Exodus 1:8 - 2:10	Romans 12:1-8 Psalm 124	Matthew 16:13-20
Aug. 24	Psalm 8	Exodus 1:1-7	Romans 2:1-11
Aug. 25	Psalm 8	Exodus 2:11-15a	Romans 11:33-36
Aug. 26	Psalm 8	Exodus 2:15b-22	Matthew 26:6-13
Aug. 27	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b	Exodus 2:23-24	Ephesians 5:1-6
Aug. 28	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b	Exodus 3:16-25	2 Thessalonians 2:7-12
Aug. 29	Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b	Exodus 4:1-9	Matthew 8:14-17
Aug. 30	Exodus 3:1-15	Romans 12:9-21 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b	Matthew 16:21-28
Aug. 31	Psalm 83:1-4, 13-18	Exodus 4:10-31	Revelation 3:1-6

Lectionary

Aug 2	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21
Aug 9	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33
Aug 16	Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28
Aug 23	Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20
Aug 30	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b Romans 12:9-21 Matthew 16:21-28

The Season Ahead

Mondays 3-4 pm
Second Harvest Food Bank food
distribution at the Open Door Church
Volunteers come on in!

August 24 Women's Bible Study
Open House

August 26 Riverside Schools begin

August 31 Women's Bible Study begins



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