

May 2016

Vashon Presbyterian Church

Vashon Island, Washington 98070



May 2016 Newsletter

Ladies Luncheon

The Women's Lunch will be Saturday, May 14th, at 11:30 am. We will eat at 12:00 noon. **The program this year will be a Kitchen/Nursery Shower.** Please bring a wrapped gift for either the kitchen or the nursery. To add a little whimsy to the party please wrap your present with funny paper. Besides eating and laughing and unwrapping presents we will play a couple of games too. RSVP to the church office and include what Potluck dish you will bring. Join us as we welcome Spring 2016!

Newsletter Survey Continues

You will find a Newsletter Survey in your bulletin the first two weeks of May. We have gotten some great suggestions and signed up new "subscribers" already. Please share your thoughts and comments and return the survey to the office soon.

Save the Date!

<u>Rev Janine Moriarty</u>	In Worship 5/8
<u>Women's Luncheon</u>	11:30 AM 5/14
<u>Pentecost Sunday</u>	In Worship 5/15

The Church Building Serves Many Groups

We are fortunate to be the church in the middle of town. Many groups find our church a central, spacious place to house their various activities. For years the various AA and 12 Step groups schedule meetings and informal counseling all through the day and evenings, 7 days a week. The kitchen and social hall are used twice a week by the IFCH for evening meals. In the summer the Food Bank prepares lunches here served in Ober Park for over 90 kids on the lunch program. Two schools call VPC their home. For over 30 years the Creative Preschool has met in our basement classrooms. Carpe Diem has found the combination of the social hall and two upstairs classrooms ideal for their first year with us. The Vashon Chorale and the Vashon Opera have rehearsed here. The Chamber Orchestra is planning a performance here in June. Cub Scouts, the Dove Project, and an Alzheimer's Support Group all meet in the building. There have been PEO yard sales, fundraisers for Nepal Earthquake victims, Vashon's homeless, and countless other charitable events over the years. VFW members judge their essay contest here. **This is all in addition to the many and varied church activities scheduled throughout the week.** Through our generosity in Christ and as we serve the community in this way we are blessed in return for the many caring friends of VPC we have on this island. Thanks to all those congregation members who keep the grounds beautiful and the building sound so we can continue sharing Christ's love in the "middle of town".

On Being Spirited



My sister and I had it all planned out. For Mother's Day and my mom's 90th birthday party we would reserve a beautiful bed and breakfast dining room venue in Lake Stevens, the town where Mom went to high school, invite family and a few of her school and church friends, have a lovely dinner, toast her long and fruitful life, and try not to make the festivities last too long so that she could get home at a reasonable hour. She is still recovering from a long hospitalization a few months ago and she is, after all, quite "elderly".

But when we revealed our plans to her, she would have none of it. "There are three things I would want to do instead", she said. "I want to fly on a 787, go sky diving, or ride a zip line!" What? "I may be 90", she insisted, "but I am not dead yet, and I still want to live a little! I'm not as old as you kids seem to think." So zip lining it is! Which means, of course, that all we "kids" have to follow suit. The grandchildren are thrilled. Some of the rest of us – not so much. We will definitely have to change our mindset about what this turning 90 business is all about.

Living the life of the Spirit is an exercise in changing our mindset as well. It too can be exhilarating, challenging, and once one collects the courage to follow where the Spirit leads --- great fun! The week after Mother's Day is Pentecost, when we will celebrate the Spirit's impact on the growth of the Christian Church, radically changing people, challenging their perceptions of what is possible, and leading them to new life, no matter what their age!! Be sure to join us for worship May 15. Who knows what the Spirit may have in store. Oh, and wear red!

Blessings,
Lynn

Mission Resource Team News

Area of Responsibility:

Financial stewardship,
Building and Grounds.

The sign board is completely finished and looking great. As you drive by in the evening note that the lights on the sign illuminate the message even after dark.

The plantings around the grounds are really growing fast as is the custom in springtime! Sign up to care for a particular area. Summer work parties will resume as the weather improves. Until then any spare time you have to care for a particular area would be much appreciated!

*Elder Jacq Skeffington
Elder Barb Huff*

Hospitality/Fellowship Team News

Area of Responsibility:

Hospitality, Fellowship.

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Elder Kate Smith

Book Club Selection

The book club will meet May 20th, 6:30 for a potluck followed by a discussion of The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd. The place TBD.

Worship Team News

Area of Responsibility:

Sacraments celebration, music program, readers, bulletin, ecumenical worship, church décor.

Guest Pastor May 8th we will have a guest pastor. Rev Janine Moriarty, who is assistant pastor at Rainier Beach Presbyterian, will be leading the service.

Pentecost Sunday May 15th is Pentecost Sunday. See Pastor Lynn's article and ...by the way...wear red!

Elder Brownie Carver

Purposeful Service Team News

Area of Responsibility:

Scholarship, Mary Magdalene weekend/partnership, IFCH dinners, mission partner relations.

The Heidsman Scholarship deadline was April 28. We have two candidates who submitted applications. The applications will be reviewed and interviews completed in May. The recipient will be announced in June.

Mary's Place Worship and Picnic has been set for August 14th. Again we will join with other churches on Vashon Island in hosting the ladies from Mary's Place in Seattle. Save the date for this fun and inspirational event.

Elder Al Ross Weston

Deacon's News

The deacons want everyone to know about a very useful new brochure, "Community Resources for Vashon-Maury Island." The Vashon Social Service Network has just compiled this very complete list of all the support services available to island residents. From legal services to rehabilitation therapy to transportation, food and utility assistance, housing/weatherization and much, much more, this is a convenient source of information for many situations. If you have any questions about this brochure or related social services, please ask one of the deacons. We're here to support everyone when special needs arise.

Deacons: Christine Browning, Susan Commeree, Lindsay Hofman, Beverly Skeffington, Nancy van Roessel and Sue Weston

Clerk's Corner

Session held its scheduled monthly meeting on April 13, with all in attendance. All teams and the pastor submitted written reports via prior e-mails. Before attending to business, session met with Will Forrester to review the design of banners that he is creating for the building interior. Members made suggestions, and thanked Will for his work to date. Session then considered whether to make changes to the Safe Conduct Policy. After reviewing recommendations from the Personnel Committee, several changes were adopted – most prominently, removing the requirement that candidates for volunteer positions provide three references and allowing team leaders flexibility in requiring training. At the request of the deacons, session set the quorum for its meetings at 50%. Session approved two requests to use of the sanctuary, set August 14 as the date for the Mary's Place picnic and service, and approved VPC's participation in an island ecumenical planning group. Session discussed the format and content of the planned May 15 leadership retreat. Finally, session reviewed VPC's financial situation.

Bob Spangler, Clerk of Session

Journey/Invitation Team News

Area of Responsibility:

Bible study, Christian formation (all ages), new members and discipleship, evangelism and invitation.

The adult education class is midway through our study of Soul Feast but we would still welcome others to join us on Sunday mornings at 9 am.

Childcare Provider is Needed

A childcare provider is needed for young children at Vashon Presbyterian Church for Sunday mornings. Salary will be \$15 an hour for two hours between 9:45 and 11:45. Please send cover letter and resume to VPC attn. Personnel Committee, PO Box 435, Vashon, WA 98070.

Job description for VPC nursery attendant.

- * Attendant will provide nursery care during morning worship, and fellowship time following the service.
- * Attendant must be 18 years or older.
- * Must engage in age appropriate activities with young children.
- * Have experience with infant care preferred.
- * Leave the nursery clean and tidy. Supplies should be accessed and needs reported to the supervisor.
- * Be able to work with a congregational volunteer.
- * When children are not present, attendant will assist with setting up and cleaning up fellowship time, and maintain worship activity bags.
- * Must agree to a background check and training provided by VPC.

Elder Diana Lilje

Calendar for May 2016

(all events at VPC unless otherwise stated)



May

- 1 Sunday Worship Service 10 AM (communion service)
- 5 Mission Resource Team Meeting 1 PM
- 5 Purposeful Service Team Meeting 7:30 PM
- 7 Bible Study 9 AM
- 8 Sunday Worship Service 10 AM
- 11 Session Meeting 7:00 PM
- 14 Women's Luncheon 11:30 AM-1:30 PM
- 15 Sunday Worship Service 10 AM
- 18 Deacons Meeting 5:00 PM
- 18 Hospitality Team Meeting 7:30 PM
- 20 Book Club at 6:30 PM location TBD
- 21 Bible Study 10 AM
- 22 Sunday Worship Service 10 AM
- 29 Sunday Worship Service 10 AM

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Life Changing Prayer group meets on the first, third and fifth Wednesdays at 10:00 am at the Vashon Community Care Center..

Women's informal breakfast meets at Sporty's at 8:00 am on Wednesdays.

Bible Study meets the 1st and 3rd Saturdays.

Please note: Dates, times and events may change after publication.
Refer to the weekly e-News or Sunday bulletin for confirmation of details.