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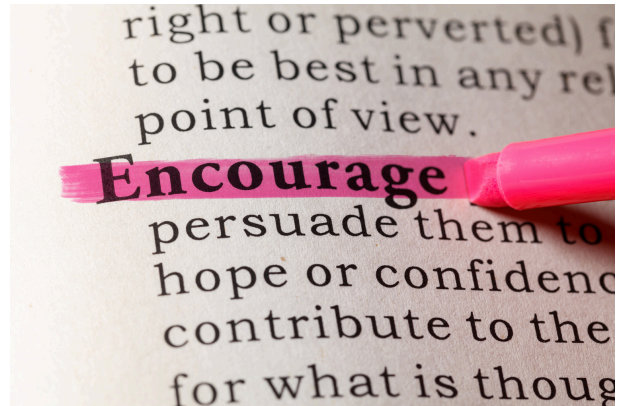
Pastor's Corner

Encouraging the Next Generation of Believers

We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done... that they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.

Psalm 78:4b & 7

The psalmist is passionate to see the next generations trust God with their lives. They have experienced the powerful and wonderful ways God has been at work and are eager for others to also know and follow God. What are the praiseworthy deeds that God has done in and through the lives of people here at FPCS? How might we increasingly encourage the next generations of believers?



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Former FPCS pastor Ken Robinson wrote insightful articles about the ways God reveals himself to us in everyday life. In one he said, "Perhaps we need to see the church as being the doors and windows of God through which people come to sense God and experience the blessing of God's love. We are not a closed institution, but channels through which God moves. May we be an open window allowing the fresh breeze of God's Spirit to blow through us into the world, touching others in love." Being Fully Conscious, July 21, 1987.

Let's be open windows to God's fresh breeze,

Tom Dabaszynski

Interim Pastor

tom@snopres.org



New Member Class being offered June 22nd & 29th from Noon to 2:00 pm

The New Member Class is designed as a way to become better acquainted with others in the church, learn more about our reformed heritage, and to see how our congregation serves in ministry both locally and globally.

Please contact Pastor Tom (tom@snopres.org) if you are interested and have not yet signed up.

T-Shirt Pick-Ups

If you ordered an FPCS T-shirt, they will be available to pick up at the church on:
Thursday, June 5th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm and
Friday, June 6th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm.



During April, the Church received \$26,535 in total operating income and had total expenses of \$42,606 resulting in a net loss of \$16,071 from operations, compared to an expected net loss of \$8,728. Offerings in April were below budget by \$7,422 and the year-to-date offerings are now under budget by \$3,555. Offerings do tend to fluctuate throughout the year, so this is not of significant concern currently. Most Expenses were close to target again in April.



Statement of Activities

Year to Date Through April 2025

	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	Annual Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
Offerings	\$ 163,201	166,755	\$ 492,645
PerCapita Collections Inc	6,877	4,800	4,800
Other Income & Gifts	10,720	8,679	23,650
Total Income	180,798	180,234	521,095
Total Expense	185,140	184,893	557,611
Net Ordinary Income	\$ (4,342)	\$ (4,659)	\$ (36,516)
Capital Project Expense	YTD		
Electrical Panel Project	\$ 96,522		

Assets as of April 30, 2025

	As of April 30, 2025	As of April 30, 2024 (PY)
Assets		
General Operating Account	\$ 143,601	\$ 102,619
Other Assets	34,681	130,608
Total current assets	178,282	233,227
Investments		
General Fund - Unrestricted	381,852	470,460
General Fund - Restricted	372,410	360,204
Scholarship Endowment Funds	353,384	371,110
Total Investments	1,107,646	1,201,774
Total Assets	\$ 1,285,928	\$ 1,435,001

**REGISTER
NOW!**

"Happy are those who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness because they will be fed until they are full."

Jesus

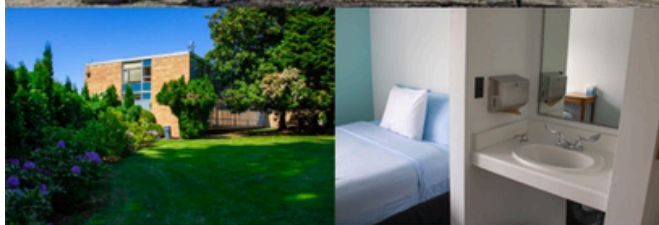
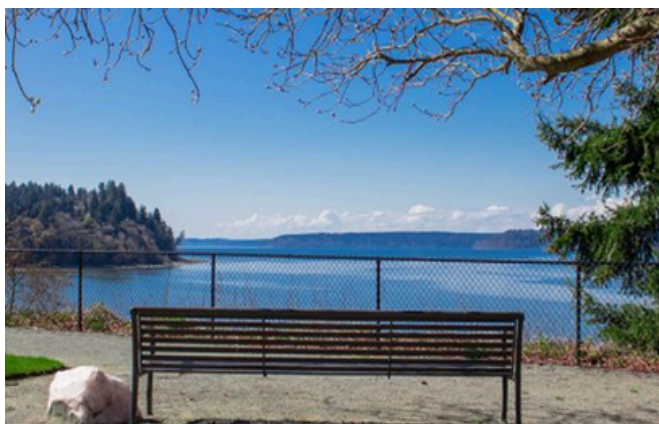
The Spiritual Formation Ministry Team invites you to join the SnoPres Fall Retreat **October 10-12** at the **Dumas Bay Centre** on the Puget Sound in Federal Way. Gather with others for a refreshing weekend of rest, reflection, and feeding from God's word.

The guest rooms are thoughtfully designed for comfort and relaxation. The cost includes 2 nights, 4 meals. Most rooms are single occupancy with a private half-bath (not surprising for a former convent). There are a few rooms with double beds if you prefer but some such rooms may only have a sink, using a shared bathroom. Price includes Lodging and Meals - Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner; Sunday breakfast. You can click here to register: **[REGISTER](#)**

On that registration page, you will see three payment options. 1) \$330 covers the cost of the retreat, 2) If that amount is too steep, there is an option to 'Pay What You Can' and then 3) A way to make an additional contribution that will help cover the cost for others.

If you have questions, contact Jon Bishop, Paula Erickson, or a member of the Spiritual Formation Team.

Church Retreat - October 10-12



Join us on Sunday, June 15th as we recognize and honor our volunteers. It takes a village to do all of the things that the church does - not only internally, but in the community as well. We will recognize our volunteers during the service and then celebrate afterwards with chocolate cake and cookies! Come join us!



Notable June Dates:

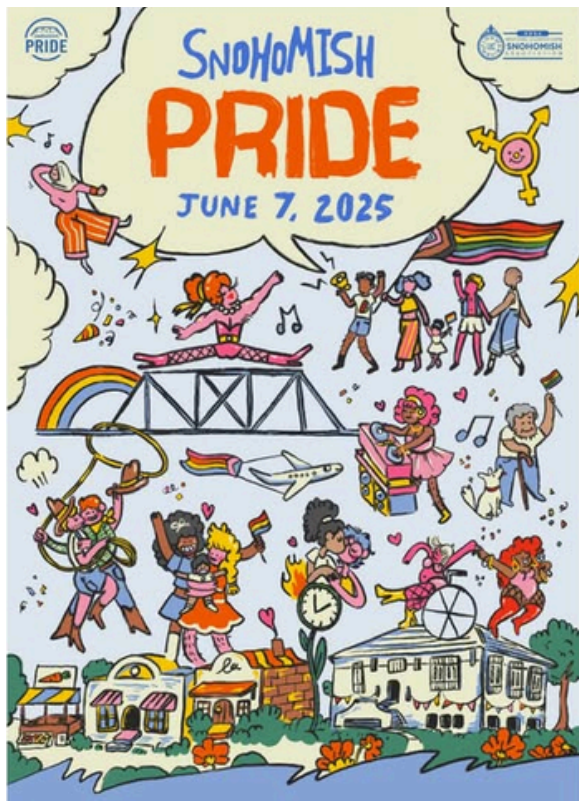
- 3rd - First Summer Golf Tuesday of 2025!
- 8th - Pentecost
 - Hanna's Last Sunday
 - Graduate Sunday
- 15th - Volunteer Appreciation Sunday
 - Father's Day
- 19th - Juneteenth - Office Closed
- 22nd - First Farmer's Market of the Summer
 - 1st New Member Class
- 29th - 2nd New Member Class



Farmer's Markets are coming your way this summer. They begin on June 22nd and are held every other week throughout the summer in front of the church entrance. Women's Ministries appreciates your donations of fruits and veggies, baked goods, books, and small items that can be offered for sale. These things are brought on the day of the sale before church. Please put us on your list and be thinking about what you can donate this year! Women's Ministries utilizes the funds raised to offer activities and scholarships throughout the year. If you have questions, please contact *Linda Mueller* at 425-299-3633 or another member of Women's Ministries: *Melissa, Jan, Marge, Marcia, or Rita*. We are all looking forward to the 2025 Market Days!! Thank you for YOUR donations and support!

Here are just a few highlights of the 2025 Ladies Tea that was held last month. For more pictures, see the bulletin board outside Lake View Hall.





**SNOHOMISH
PRIDE**
JUNE 6-8, 2025



We will be participating in the Snohomish Pride Parade again this year. The date of the parade is Saturday, June 7th. If you are interested in walking in the parade this year, sign-ups are available in the Narthex at the church, or send an email to the church office (office@snopres.org) letting them know that you would like to participate.



Our summer golf season begins on **Tuesday, June 3rd** at the Snohomish Golf Course with tee times beginning at 5:30 pm. Please arrive at least 15 minutes early so that we can assign teams. We play every Tuesday evening throughout the summer in a very relaxed scramble format and have a great time. Pay your green fees and meet us under the tree by the first tee. **All ability levels are welcome.** Please contact Vern or Polly Fox if you have questions.

History Et Hopes Gatherings

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Sign-ups will be available in the Narthex starting June 15th.



Youth Group is jumping into our Summer schedule starting in June!
Instead of meeting weekly, we'll be hosting 1-2 fun events
each month. We'd love for you to join us for some sunshine,
laughter, and great memories together.
Have questions? Reach out anytime at youth@snopres.org
We can't wait to see you this summer!

On Sunday, June 8th, we will recognize and honor our High School and College Graduates. Join us as we celebrate this milestone with them and hear what their next chapters will be!



2025 High School Graduates

Riley Boerger - Lake Stevens High School
AJ Bjerkan - Snohomish High School

2025 College Graduates

Rachel Colegrove - Washington State University
Madeline Gamble - Eastern Washington University
Aidan Fox-Bailey - Western Washington University

Congratulations to the following 2025 FPCS Scholarship Recipients:

- Brad Baker - Oregon State Univ.
- Dylan Baker - Western Washington Univ.
- Jacob Bennett - Fuller Theological
- Madison Boerger - Central Washington Univ.
- Riley Boerger - University of Arizona
- Ella Byerly - Western Washington Univ.
- Jasper Gallagher - Univ. of Utah
- Aiden Gamble - Eastern Washington Univ.
- Denton Johnson - Central Washington Univ.
- Ella Pettyjohn - Western Washington Univ.
- Colette Wilson - Stanford Univ.



LOOKING FOR HIDDEN TREASURE

The **Nominating Committee** is looking for hidden treasure. If you would like to, please recommend the name of a potential nominee for the positions of: Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), Elders, and Deacons.

Remember the words of the Apostle Paul and let them inspire you, “We have this treasure in earthen vessels.” God has planted within our congregation a treasure of gifts to share, and also the power of the Holy Spirit which enables us to share our gifts. When drawn upon, this treasure will bring hope, love, and joy to all of us. Is God nudging you to serve or to nominate someone else to serve?

NOMINATION FOR PNC, ELDER, & DEACON

As you consider nominating someone, think about that person's qualities and spiritual commitment. Consider the following criteria and questions as you assess potential candidates:

Commitment to Jesus Christ

- Love Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord
- Demonstrate a strong faith
- Live as a dedicated disciple
- Live a lifestyle that is a demonstration of the Gospel in the church and in the world
- Possess a knowledge of Scripture

Church Involvement

- Faithful member of the church
- Regular attendance in worship
- Active participation in other church activities
- Evidence of commitment to the church and its mission
- Understanding of and commitment to the essentials of the Reformed faith and polity as expressed in The Book of Confessions and the Book of Order

Personal Qualifications

- Readiness to listen
- Cooperativeness – team player
- Willingness to learn
- Ability to follow through on assignments
- Openness to new ideas
- Maturity of judgment
- Willingness to express own ideas

Particular Qualifications for a Particular Office

- Work-related background and experience and/or
- Related service in other settings and/or
- Interest in a particular ministry

Nomination Forms will be available in the Sunday Bulletin on June 1st & 15th and available in the Narthex throughout the month of June.

As part of our strategic planning efforts to strengthen communication and outreach, we are conducting a survey to evaluate the online worship experience at First Presbyterian Church of Snohomish. We are reaching out to request your help in identifying nonmembers who might be willing to participate.



What We're Looking For:

We are seeking nonmembers from the following generations:

- **Gen X** (born 1965–1980)
 - **Millennials** (born 1981–1996)
 - **Gen Z** (born 1997–2012)
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Key Details for Participants:

- Service to View: **Sunday, June 15, 2025** (live or recorded)
 - Viewing Options: Facebook or Zoom
 - Time Commitment:
 - View the full worship service (approximately 90 minutes)
 - Complete a brief 5-minute anonymous survey
 - **Survey Deadline:** Must be completed by **June 23, 2025** (8 days after the service)
 - **Privacy:** All responses are anonymous and used only for internal planning
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What We Need from You:

Please send us the **name and email addresses** of your recommended participants by **Monday, June 9th**. Once received, we will send participants:

- The service viewing link
- The survey link
- Simple instructions

If possible, let your recommended participants know:

- This is part of a church project to improve our online worship experience.
 - They will be asked to view the full Sunday service and then complete a short, 5-minute survey.
 - Their honest feedback is valuable and appreciated!
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Thank you for helping us take this important step in strengthening our ministry. Your support helps us ensure our online presence is meaningful and welcoming to all.

With gratitude,

Carol, Carlene, & Carole

Session Corner:

May 5, 2025

Word-Share-Prayer involved scriptures read and discussed in break-out groups. Tom opened the meeting with prayer.

Receipt of Ministry Team Reports:

- Building & Grounds: Disposal of some of the pews, roof-cleaning, HVAC project quote received
- Spiritual Formation Team: Exploring possible project of a Community Garden & Planning a Fall Retreat for the congregation
- Mission: Grateful distribution of a \$25K distribution to selected causes

Strategic Planning Updates:

- Carol M. shared the results of small group discussions regarding communication challenges and improvements. Approval was given to explore dropping Zoom for YouTube which gives a better experience online. Kate is soliciting news from members for Facebook sharing.
- Regarding Facilities: Much discussion was had about the Sanctuary Refresh. Session approved a motion to form a task force consisting of Pastor Tom, Curt Green, Vicki Hesseltine, and Michael Prihoda with input from Joe Ramirez, Cris Kennedy, and Phil Prins empowering them to pull together as much information as they can about the facility projects and bring it back in June.
- Sanctuary Refresh will be directly under Session rather than Worship MT.

Pastor's Report:

- Transition info. is on the Website.

Session Approved:

- Task Force for Immigrants - to move this item to ART Ministry Team.
- Relisting our church to the list for LGBTQI Christians: www.gaychurch.org/find_a_church/
This website was once influential in bringing several persons to our church who are now actively involved.

Notable Dates:

- Marlie, MaryBeth, and Carlene attended NW Coast Presbytery May 15th at North Creek Presbyterian Church.
- The first History and Hope Gathering was with Session and Deacons on Monday, May 19. Gathering #2 will be Wednesday, July 16th, and #3 on Sunday, August 10th. Both of these are for the congregation at large!

Next Session Meeting: Monday, June 2nd, 5-7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marita Bishop



THANK YOU for your ongoing support of the Tent of Nations farm & peacemaking center, located a few miles from Bethlehem in the West Bank. Palestinian Christian Daoud Nassar and his family want you to know that your prayerful support provides encouragement for their ongoing road toward justice. Charlie Lewis, Judy & Dana Wright, and others recently returned from volunteering on the farm.

**Here is a message for you from the April issue of the
Friends of Tent of Nations North America (FOTONNA) newsletter.**

Dear Friends:

As we celebrate Easter this year with heavy hearts, we are reminded that light breaks through the darkness, that pain, injustice, and even death do not have the final word, and that the empty tomb is not just a symbol of victory over death, but a promise that love is stronger than hate, that justice will rise, and that peace will prevail.

Jesus rose, not only to comfort the brokenhearted, but to challenge systems of oppression, and to call for a new way of living. HE challenged both the religious and political powers of HIS day, and HIS resurrection was—and still is—a revolution of love.

At the Tent of Nations, we continue to embody this resurrection hope. Despite years of legal struggle, and daily challenges, we still stand on the sacred soil of our ancestors—rooted in faith, nonviolence, and refuse to give in to despair. We continue to plant seeds of hope even in rocky soil, and to resist injustice with the same spirit that turned over tables and rolled away the stone.

May we become gardeners of justice, may we walk in solidarity, not just in thought, but in action as peacemakers and bridge-builders. Let us make Easter not just a moment, but a movement, that continues through us.

Wishing you a blessed and powerful Easter, full of light, love, courage, and renewed commitment to justice.

With Faith, Love, and Hope,

Daoud Nassar, Director, Tent of Nations | -People Building Bridges-

<https://tentofnations.com/> | www.fotonna.org | www.facebook.com/tentofnations

Charlie Lewis and Heidi Saikaly serve on the Steering Committee of FOTONNA as Chair and as a Communications Co-Director, respectively. Feel free to contact Heidi at hhsaikaly@comcast.net for further information.



Remember in your prayers...

(bold text indicates new prayer request)

Church Family Members

- Judy Richardson-Fox as she recovers from a broken hip as a result of a fall
- **Hanna, Michael, and Eliana as they prepare to move to Texas**
- **Jan Gavin - healing from a broken leg**
- Rich Guthrie - heart issues
- Debby Ingram - health Issues
- Patrick Ingram - health Issues
- Sara Seiber - treatment for cancer
- Shelagh Hizzey - cancer treatment
- Marcia Moser - dealing with health issues
- Ray and Lise Pettigrew in the loss of their son on March 24th

PRAISES!

- **Marlie Bilbruck - thanks that Riley got into one of the colleges she wanted!**
- **Julie Reynolds - thanks that she has been able to entrust the church with praying for her family!**
- **Nancy Walker - reconciliation with her daughter-in-law**
- **Jill Sahlstrom - sister now attending a church community**
- **Mary Beth Kurtenbach - praise for a finally healed foot!**
- **Jon & Val McKenzie - praise that their nephew Peter is doing better after recent hospitalization, and prayers that his improvement continues**

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Ephesians 6:18

Friends of FPCS

- **Tony Velasco, father of Tia Nieuwsma, as he recovers from back surgery**
- **DeWayne Kurtenbach - Jeff Kurtenbach's father as he recovers from a stroke**
- **Pastor Moses & Margaret Tanni in Cameroon - Pastor Moses has been struggling with a number of health issues**
- Cynthia Sundman, missionary in Peru
- Cindy Duncan - Jan Gavin's niece - stage 4 renal cell carcinoma

Ongoing Prayer Support

- Prayers for peace where there is war and turmoil: Israel, Palestine/Gaza, Lebanon, Ukraine, Russia, Sudan, Syria, Afghanistan, Yemen, Haiti, and many other places
- All refugees forced to leave their homes due to violence or natural disasters; all those left homeless, and those experiencing hunger such as in Tigray region of Ethiopia, and Sudan
- Global leaders--for wisdom, and the will and courage to act justly, and to uphold human rights

Homebound

Gary Gloe, Josh Hesseltine, Rosemary Bailey, Elaine and Dick Sundman, Marilyn de Soto, Barb Holmes, Carolyn Moss, Jerry Williamson (hospice) and Bill Barker

Prayer Requests

There are a number of ways that we can share our prayer requests.

A) Your prayer request may remain confidential (being prayed for by the Tuesday Prayer Team).

B) Your prayer request can be sent out to a larger team of dedicated 'pray-ers' in addition to our Tuesday team or,

C) We can add your request to the list in **The Light** and in **What's Happening**. The Prayer Request list in

What's Happening and **The Light** are reviewed regularly, and names appear on the list for a shorter or longer time depending upon the need.

Another way to submit a prayer request is to write a sticky note and place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

If you have a prayer request, please feel free to contact Kate West in the office (office@snopres.org or 360-568-6498), Myrna Lucas (425-422-2489), Paula Erickson (425-220-2720), or Carolyn Mather-Greenberg (360-568-7128).



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation, providing care-givers to those who request them.

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- Registration is open for the Church Retreat in October
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- Volunteer appreciation Sunday is June 15th.
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