



Perfect Days for Sharing God's Grace

This year's Archery Camp (6/22-24/17) was a huge success! Each day we ministered to between 55 and 68 children and youth as they learned the fine points of Archery and handling a BB Rifle. The instructors were patient and kind to all the novices as they learned the importance of safety and respect for the equipment and each other. Bill Stinton led the program this year and recruited great instructors from across the county.

Jimi Neff served as Camp Pastor and led the devotions with the emphasis on sharing the Gospel in thirty seconds. He and Charlie Smith served as cooks for the picnic meal of hot dogs and hamburgers with all the trimmings on Saturday afternoon. Throughout all three days cookies were made available to hungry campers thanks to all those inside and outside the church who responded to the invitation to serve.

There was a lot to do, both setting up and cleaning up. Our Trail Life and American Heritage Girls were there to bring out tables and chairs, return them and helped in so many ways. During the entire event, there was a



wonderful spirit of cooperation and the demonstration of Christlike servanthood.

The entire event went according to plan, except for a serendipitous happening. It was a very hot Saturday afternoon and as the children arrived one could see they were affected by the heat of the day. Jimi responded with a garden hose wetting down the laughing and giggling throng of youngsters. Later Jimi provided some squirt guns to keep the party going. This will be an event the families will be talking about for some time.

Special thanks to Bill Stinton and his team and all who helped make this another event that shares the love of Jesus with our community.

Baptism Celebrations

Congratulations and Praise the Lord to Danielle Corbett and Henry Kotovic for publicly professing their faith in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior during the Sunday (6/25/17) morning service. Be sure to be praying for them and watch how God will use them for His purpose and glory. And everyone said, AMEN!



Danielle Corbett



Henry Kortovic

Cameron's Corner



“Why?”

Last week's Archery Camp was a lot of work. Sure, it was fun and there were a lot of blessings, both to the volunteers and the campers but, there's no avoiding it, it was hard work. Bill Stinton spent a tremendous amount of time planning, asking questions, making phone calls and being sure he wasn't stepping on anyone's toes. All the volunteers to some extent or another had to move their personal schedule around in order to make time for two evenings and an afternoon. There was food to plan, safety to consider, who would be doing what.

The whole event took a lot of time and many decisions to make Archery Camp what it was.

The same can be said about all the activities that take place here at Laurel Church. For each activity, people spend time planning and then implementing each event: whether that be an Archery Camp, Bible Study, music rehearsal, Troop meeting, prayer group or small group. It all takes time and energy. It means making choices and setting priorities. It means sacrifice and inconvenience, discipline and sometimes misunderstandings. It can mean confusion and chaos, hurt feelings and broken relationships. But we still go ahead and make the changes and move forward.

So, the question is why? Just when we get things nice and stable, predictable and comfortable, why do we start changing things again, start a new project, raise new money, be challenged to begin a new ministry? Why, when there seems to be the same people in the room?

We do it because we love the Lord. We do it because this life isn't about us anymore. It's about focusing all our time thinking about and listening to what our Heavenly Father desires. And since our God loves this world so much that He sacrificed His Son Jesus on the cross so that we could be with Him, then loving our neighbor becomes our priority.

Paul understood it well when he wrote in 2 Corinthians 5:14,

“For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.” NIV

We are in the process of being changed from a self-centered sinner to a selfless, loving child of God. We're moving from asking “What's in it for me?” to “What can I do for ...?” We are constantly asking “How can I give myself away?” rather than “How will this or that make me happy?”

The world is changing and to meet the needs of those who don't know Jesus, we must change our attitudes, strategies, buildings, worship and habits so that they can communicate the eternal and never-changing truth and reality of God to a desperate world.

Let's face it, it does take work. It takes discipline: prayer, worship, study, service and commitment to a community of faith. That seems hard but with Jesus, it's a different kind of work. Jesus said to us in Matthew 11:30,

“For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.” NIV

The more we trust in God's love for us, the more we can love our neighbor and the world. The more we love the world, the more we discover our true selves and the joy and peace Jesus has already given us.

Besides, what else do you have to do with your life?

As for me, I want to work harder; keep the changes coming and let me never stop asking why. Why, always brings me back to Jesus.

See you at worship.

Robert Cameron

Washer and Dryer for the Homeless

In June, the Men's Wednesday Morning and Evening groups took up a collection and with the help of the Church's Care Fund purchased a reconditioned washer and dryer for a new project to help the homeless on the Lummi Reservation. Jimi Neff and Paul Dart met with Aaron Thomas the leader of a program to help the many homeless that inhabit the reservation and discovered Aaron's deep faith in Christ and desire to make a difference with his people. Aaron is being allowed to use two empty Tribal houses to house those with no roof over their heads. When asked by Jimi and Paul what he might need to help him, Aaron didn't ask for money but for the basics that maintained a home: brooms, mops, cleaning supplies, etc. He then mentioned that their current washer and dryer was unusable. It didn't take much to raise over half of the funds needed for those very important tools.

On Friday (6/23/17) the washer and dryer were delivered and immediately used with great appreciation from the inhabitants.

There are so many needs in our county. We might not be able to solve them all, but we can meet one need at a time by listening and watching what the Spirit is doing and answer His invitation to participate in that one act, one situation, one need at a time. Thanks men for your response and thank you church for your faithful support of God's work here at Laurel Church.

Picnic Area Refresh

Just in time for Archery Camp, our picnic shelter received a much-needed overhaul. With new paint, new faucet, much cleaning, covered cabinet openings and much more, the counter and surrounding area looks so much more inviting.

Thank you, Keith Bakker. Not only do you see to it that the lawns of our church are well-groomed but that you took the extra time to focus on a place that many new to the congregation haven't seen yet. There will be some nice family picnics out there this year due to your willingness to serve.

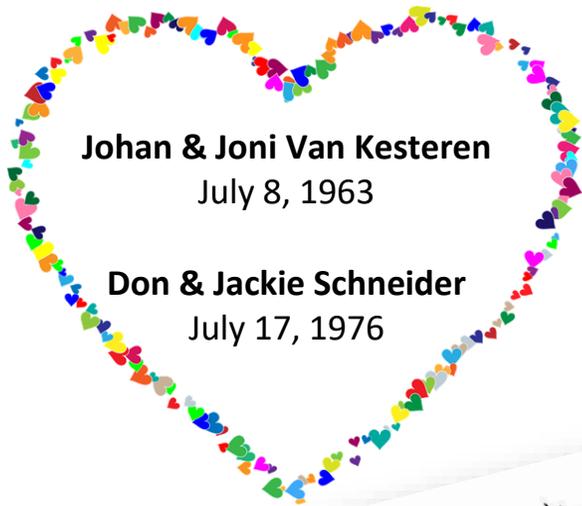


Words of Wisdom from the New General Secretary

Newly called American Baptist, USA General Secretary Lee Spitzer shared a pastoral letter on Friday, June 16. At the close of his letter, he noted five challenges which he believes will help us to hold fast to their convictions while also contributing to a more harmonious American civic life:

1. Commit to listen more graciously and with an open mind, especially when we are in conversation with people who hold different views than we do.
2. Reject anger, rudeness, hatred, arrogance, and egotism in our dealings with others. Being prophetic is not compatible with being obsessive, abusive or insensitive.
3. Do not forget that people we disagree with are still human beings, and desire respect, grace and acceptance. The Golden Rule still applies to human relationships.
4. Be patient before responding to situations and people; oftentimes, first reports of an event do not convey the whole truth. Knee-jerk reactions are seldom helpful.
5. Do not assume that one's own position on an issue is the only Christian response to which all others must subscribe. We know only "in part," as Paul says.





Johan & Joni Van Kesteren
July 8, 1963

Don & Jackie Schneider
July 17, 1976



This Month's Birthdays

Paul Dart	1
Judy Holz	8
Kim Smith	16
Teresa Westerberg	19
Garnet Parker	21
Pam Lyng	23
Molly McGhee	26
Larry Moore	26
Robert Cameron	29
Susan Moore	31

Laurel Baptist Community Church,
Thank you for letting us use the
church for our event! We have
appreciated your support every
year and we wouldn't be
able to do it without your
help!

Love,
Meridian FFA

June 12, 2017

Dear LeBC,

Thank you for sharing your facility
over these last several years. The
generosity of all - pastor, staff, members
has truly represented our Lord Jesus.
My prayer is that you will thrive
and continue to minister to those
that He puts in your path.

Thank you ever so much.

In His grip,
Barbara Bonnies

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, ... 2 Corinthians 9:8

Troop Leader Change Coming to Trail Life

On Saturday evening (6/24/17) at the close of Trail Life's Court of Honor, Troop Leader Shawn Morton was honored for his consistent, dedicated leadership over last few years. Shawn is stepping down from that position, so the men of the troop gathered around him to render prayers of thanksgiving and prayers for Shawn's future steps with God. It's always a blessing to see men gather to lay hands on and pray.

The new Troop Leader, Oziel Puente was installed at the meeting, as well as Luke Kotovic as the new Charter Organizational Representative.

The Future is looking bright for Trail Life.



Surplus Desk Available

To make more space available for downstairs classrooms, we need to move the current custodial space to the south room of the office wing of the church. To accomplish the task, we must find a home for the desk unit located in that room. If you, or someone you know might need or want the workstation, please contact the church office.



Upgrading the East Wing

Since the need to close our Preschool, the question has been asked, “what will we do with the space the preschool used?” It would be easy to put up a dividing wall between the rooms, revert to the original floor plan or think and pray about how we can improve the use of the entire area to better serve the children that are and will be attending Laurel Church in the future.

It was generally agreed by the teachers and workers that the bathroom was essential, but that the old multi door entrance to the bathroom was extremely awkward. What emerged from the discussions moves us forward to grow in our faith and help us more fully love the world.

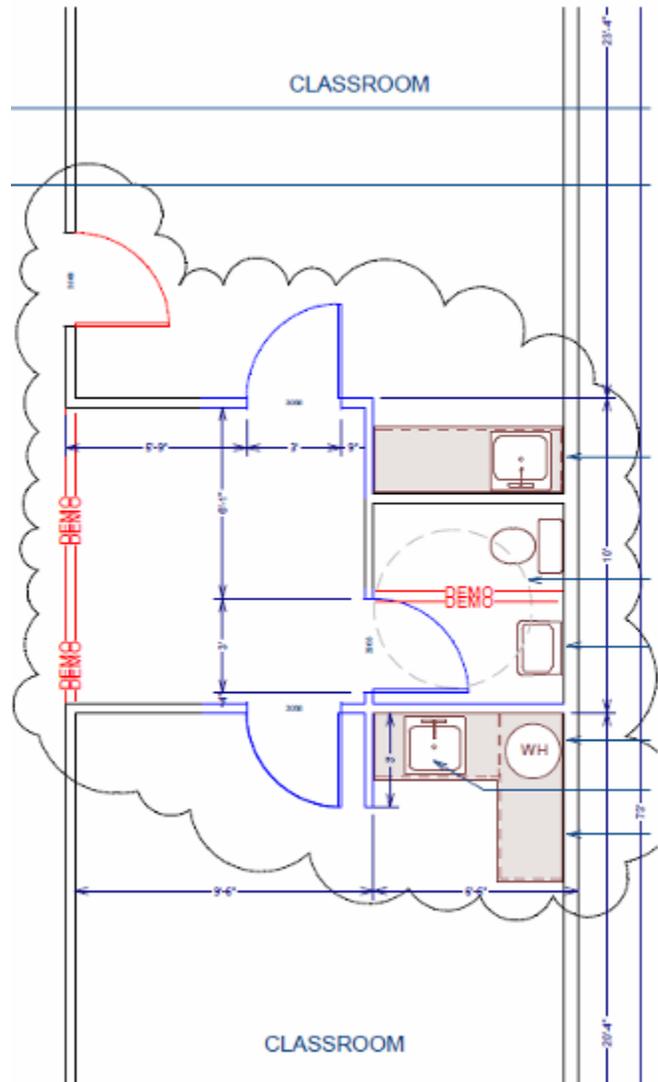
To the right is part of a multi-phased project that will eventually move all our children’s ministry (Discipleship Classes, Children’s Church, Nursery and Childcare) into the east wing of the church. It will make for a secure location and allow for efficient check in and out for families.

Here are the highlights:

- The bathroom will be enlarged to accommodate its own sink.
- The entrance to the bathroom will be facing west. An opening in the hallway opposite the new bathroom door will make it possible access for all the four classrooms on the west side of the hall.
- Rooms 106 & 108 would have sinks with hot water.
- A movable paneled door would be built between 106 & 104, thus increasing space for Children’s Church activates.
- A portable check-in kiosk would be placed at the south entrance of the east wing.
- To ensure quiet between the classrooms and the upstairs classroom (201), a floor to ceiling wall will be built along the east wall of the Worship Center with air space between it and the existing wall. This will also greatly improve acoustics in the Worship Center.

The cost for the various phases of the project are currently being calculated. Please be in prayer that at least the bathroom remodel can be accomplished by September. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Cameron.

North Entrance of the Church



Main Entrance of the Church



A note from Ryan & Diana Cleveland

God is Raising up Kingdom Laborers! & Diana's New Ministry within Cru

One of the highlights of my year is getting the opportunity to be a part of seeing God continue to raise up new generations of Kingdom laborers at our annual Kickoff Weekend for Missionary Interns each spring.



As my team of trainers and coaches and I listened to these young men and women share stories of how God gave each of them a heart to reach others for Christ, we could not help but be taken aback by their deep commitment to follow Jesus and how desperately they want to share the good news of Christ with others. It is a humbling and encouraging reminder of the life-changing ripples in the Kingdom that can occur from one simple little weekend training. Please pray that the Lord would use each of these new missionaries as they share the Gospel across the globe in the next year!

Diana's New Ministry within Cru

Diana, Abby, Josh, and I have been in our new home for about a month now and are excited to continue to serve the Lord with Cru in His mission locally and to the world.

As of this past week, Diana has transitioned (within Cru) from the Campus Ministry to Cru City, and will be starting a new direct evangelistic ministry to international and immigrant families in the greater Seattle area, beginning in the growing international community close to where we live. Diana's vision is to impact the nations from this community in which the Lord is already opening up door after door within. The Lord is already at work as demonstrated with our friend Mikyung placing her faith in Christ which we shared with you last month. Diana and I are both so incredibly excited to see what the Lord is going to do!

Diana and I are grateful for you and your continued partnership with us in the Great Commission. Thank you!

Your Missionaries,

Ryan & Diana

PRAYER & PRAISE

- **Please pray** that the Lord would use these young men and women to make an eternal impact in the lives of others during their upcoming year of missionary service.
- **Please pray** for our new interns as they spend the summer raising up their team of ministry partners. Pray that God would provide 100% of all their prayer and financial support needs.
- **Praise God** for His leading for Diana in her new ministry opportunity with Cru City.
- **Pray** that the Lord would continue to use her to reach people for Christ, people just like Mikyung.
- **Pray** that the nations would be impacted from what the Lord is beginning here in Mukilteo.

Current Small Groups

CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR MORE INFO ON THESE GROUPS @ 360.398.1761

Sunday Morning Line-up

9:15 a.m. Worship Team Practice
9:30 a.m. Hosting Team
9:45 a.m. Fellowship
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship
11:00 a.m. Fellowship

"FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP"

Rob & Jill Horgen will be starting a fun fellowship group on the first Friday of each month. They will meet at a local restaurant, for a fun relaxing evening of friendship & eats. Contact the church office for

whether you are artistic or can't draw a squiggly line; whether you are the ruler of craftiness or are challenged by a bottle of glue WE NEED YOUR HELP. Come join.....

Dove Notes

Speak with Garnet Parker or stop by the church office for more info

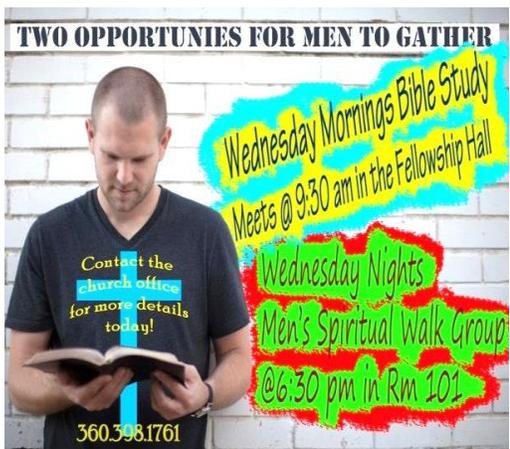
Share Room Ministry would like your help!

Come fellowship with us and help minister to the community He has blessed us with.

Tuesdays from 9 am – 12 noon and Thursdays from 10 am– 3 pm

Please contact the church office for more details

His Share Room is open from 10 am—2 pm every Thursday

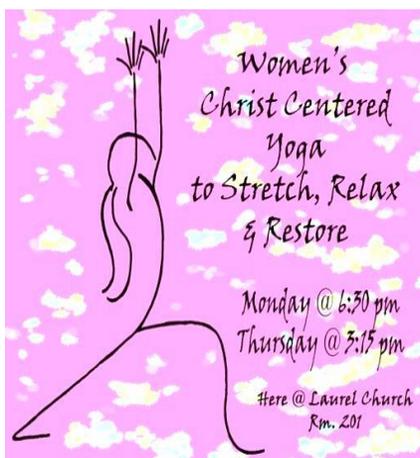


TWO OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEN TO GATHER

Wednesday Mornings Bible Study
Meets @ 9:30 am in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday Nights
Men's Spiritual Walk Group
@ 6:30 pm in Rm 101

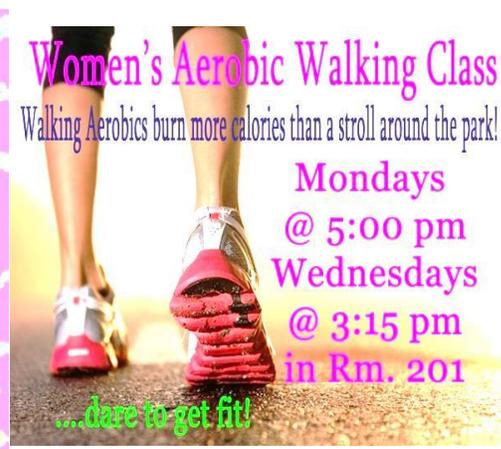
Contact the church office for more details today!
360.398.1761



Women's Christ Centered Yoga to Stretch, Relax & Restore

Monday @ 6:30 pm
Thursday @ 5:15 pm

Here @ Laurel Church Rm. 201



Women's Aerobic Walking Class

Walking Aerobics burn more calories than a stroll around the park!

Mondays @ 5:00 pm
Wednesdays @ 3:15 pm in Rm. 201

...dare to get fit!



July 2017

Activities Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Trail Life Camping & Silver Lake
2 10am Sunday Worship 10:15am Children's Church	3 5:15pm Women's Walking 6pm Women's Christ Centered Yoga Class	4	5 3:15pm Women's Exercise Class	6 3:15pm Women's Christ Centered Yoga Class 7pm Trail Life USA Uniformed Leader Meeting	7	8
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16 10am Sunday Worship 10:15am Children's Church	17 5:15pm Women's Walking 6pm Women's Christ Centered Yoga Class 7pm Church Board Meeting	18	19 1pm Women's Small Group 3:15pm Women's Exercise Class	20 3:15pm Women's Christ Centered Yoga Class	21	22
23 10am Sunday Worship 10:15am Children's Church	24 5:15pm Women's Walking 6pm Women's Christ Centered Yoga Class	25 7pm Sig's Saddle Tramps	26 Rolling Thunder Prayer Day 3:15pm Women's Exercise Class Rolling Thunder Prayer Day	27 3:15pm Women's Christ Centered Yoga Class 7pm Heritage Girls USA 7pm Trail Life USA Troop Meeting	28	29
30 10am Sunday Worship 10:15am Children's Church Trail Life USA Summer Camp	31 5:15pm Women's Walking 6pm Women's Christ Centered Yoga Class					