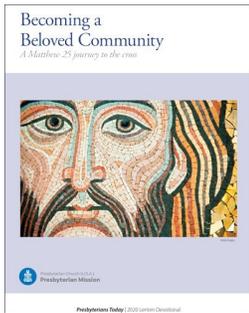


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## LENTEN STUDY SERIES

### **Becoming a Beloved Community: A Matthew 25 Journey to the Cross**

This season Pastor Sue will lead a study using the Presbyterians Today Lenten Devotional: "Becoming a Beloved Community: A Matthew 25 journey to the cross". Copies of the devotional are available in the church office.

This devotional invites us on a thought-provoking journey to see firsthand how Jesus' words to "feed the hungry" and "clothe the naked" still change lives today.

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke of "beloved community" to describe a society where everyone has their needs met. In "Becoming a Beloved Community," we discover how needs are met when selfless love breaks down racial barriers, gives voice to the voiceless and feeds hungry hearts, souls, and bodies.

Readers are treated to beautiful ancient Christian mosaics throughout the devotional. Just the way mosaics are constructed, we are invited to reflect on how our little tile piece could be added to contribute another dimension to the beloved community where we live.

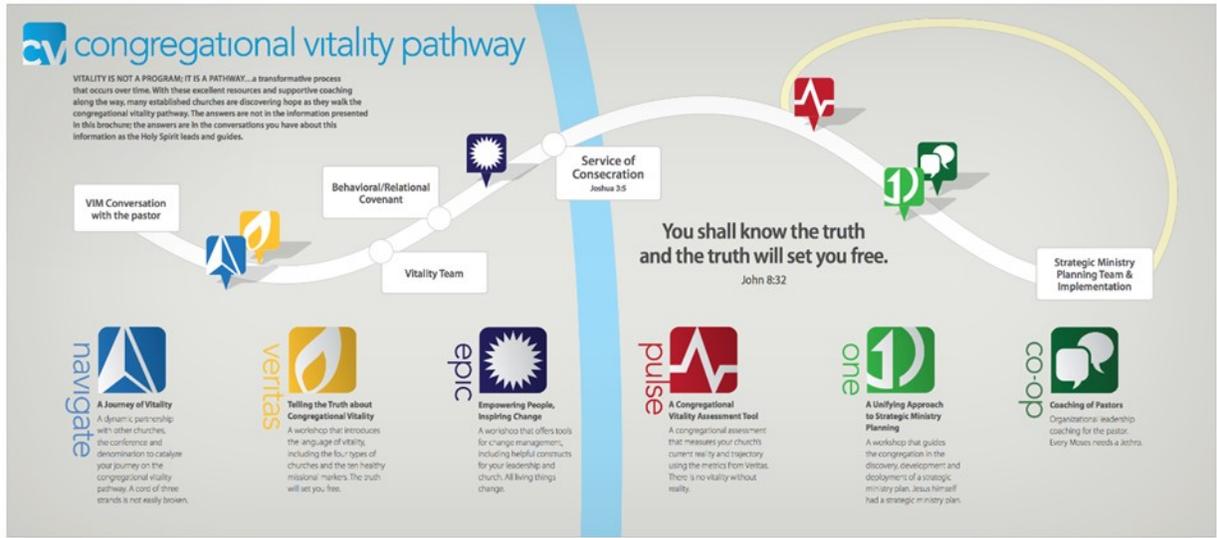
This devotional itself is also a reflection of a beloved community. It features prayers and reflections by 19 ordained ministers, chaplains, lay pastors and ruling elders from the Presbytery of the Pacific. While the stories they share differ, they all have this in common: a passion for following Jesus. The excitement and commitment found on the pages of "Becoming a Beloved Community" are contagious.

Discussion dates: This study will be held on Wednesdays, beginning February 26.

Times: 11:30 am and 6:30 pm, both of which will have a soup/bread meal provided.

Please note, the evening meal will be shared with our CORE and middle school students.

THE HEALTHY MISSIONAL CHURCH  
BY HEALTHY, WE MEAN PURSUING CHRIST.  
BY MISSIONAL, WE MEAN PURSUING CHRIST'S PRIORITIES IN THE WORLD.



## FROM OUR PASTOR

We have been traveling along our Vitality Pathway for a while now, and sometimes it seems like an awfully long journey. I am struck by the fact that there is a river coming up after we take the next steps. It is meant to symbolize the Jordan River. You may remember that God sent Moses to lead his people out of Egypt to their true home, the Promised Land. What they did not expect was this season of wandering in the wilderness on the way home.

The wilderness was unfamiliar, and very unsettling for people who had only known life in Egypt. New foods which God provided replaced the favorite foods they remembered from the past. The scenery was different. The rules were different. They really struggled with the wilderness journey, so much so that they begged to go back to Egypt.

As we follow our Vitality Pathway, we might want to think of it as our time in the wilderness. We are having conversations about who we are and working really hard to capture a clear vision of where God is leading us. It is work, but it is important work. Like the ancient Israelites, we are deepening our trust in God as we follow him together. Soon, we will get to our own Jordan River and we will choose whether we are "strong and courageous" enough to cross the river and enter the Promised Land.

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*"...I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9*

## IT'S GOING TO BE EPIC!

Join us in worship on Sunday morning, March 29, stay for Taco Salad (!) and more conversation around what it means for us to be Empowering People and Inspiring Change (EPIC). This is a workshop that offers tools for change management, including helpful constructs for our leadership and church. All living things change! This is another step on our Vitality Pathway.



## OFFICE NEWS

The church office hours are from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, Tuesday through Friday. Please note, the office is closed most Tuesdays from 12:00 - 1:00 pm for a weekly staff meeting.

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

6th- Sara Couture  
 7th- Cheryl Hodgson  
 8th- Bob Bruce  
 Nola Gene Byrd  
 13th- Mary Briskey  
 Rebecca Price  
 16th- Saige Lyons  
 Blake Roscoe  
 17th- Scott Eagan  
 18th- Christine Howard  
 Johanna Park  
 20th- Wilson McKnight  
 22nd- Winifred Peach  
 23rd- Shirley Ashburn  
 25th- Adam Asher  
 26th- Wayne Chan

## ANNIVERSARIES

March 3  
 John and Jeanne Washburn  
 March 20  
 Eric and Nicole McKnight  
 March 21  
 John and Jane Carden  
 March 22  
 Garry and Sandy Anderson  
 March 28  
 Keith and Berniece Johnson



## SCRIPTURE LESSONS

*You are welcome to read the lessons in preparation for Sunday Worship and you are also invited to a Bible Study with Pastor Sue each Wednesday at 9:30 am in the Parlor.*

## 2 CENTS PER MEAL

Several years ago the Olympia Presbytery began a grant program to help support congregations in the Presbytery develop children's hunger programs. To finance the annual grants of \$500 Presbytery adopted the "two cents-a meal" program that is quite popular with PCUSA churches.

In 2018 Our church applied for one of those grants to improve the nutritional value of the weekend food sacks we prepare and give to the children in the ECEAP Preschool. We received the grant which allowed us to add canned tuna to the menu which greatly increased the protein content of the meals.

During 2019 our "two cent-a-meal" effort collected over \$300 in support of the Presbytery grant program. This year the Community & Discipleship Commission is continuing "two cents-a-meal" and will be applying for another grant to help feed the children.

## MEMORIAL POTLUCK

A memorial service for Peggy Burrough will be held at the PHS auditorium on Saturday, March 7 at 2:00 pm. This service is open to the public. In addition, we will have a potluck dinner back at the church at 5:30 pm. Please plan to bring a side dish or dessert to share as we remember this special lady.



## IN MEMORY

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of  
*Marian Duncan*

Who went home to be with Jesus on February 14th. We will celebrate Marian's life and resurrection on Saturday, March 14 at 2:00 pm. Marian's entire FPC family is invited to attend.

## SCRIPTURES FOR MARCH

**March 1, 2020**  
 1st Sunday in Lent  
 Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
 Psalm 32  
 Romans 5:12-19  
 Matthew 4:1-11

**March 8, 2020**  
 2nd Sunday in Lent  
 Genesis 12:1-4a  
 Psalm 121  
 Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
 John 3:1-17

**March 15, 2020**  
 3rd Sunday in Lent  
 Exodus 17:1-7  
 Psalm 95  
 Romans 5:1-11  
 John 4:5-42

**March 22, 2020**  
 4th Sunday in Lent  
 1 Samuel 16:1-13  
 Psalm 23  
 Ephesians 5:8-14  
 John 9:1-41

**March 29, 2020**  
 5th Sunday in Lent  
 Ezekiel 37:1-14  
 Psalm 130  
 Romans 8:6-11  
 John 11:1-45

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

join us FOR worship!

