

Perspective

Gracious and loving God,
we are a people who gather around tables.
On this Thanksgiving Day, many of us will gather around dining tables
or kitchen tables or tray tables and share a meal
with our family and friends.

We give thanks to you, O God,
for the food and the time to enjoy it together.
As we are seated at our tables, help us also remember the table
where we gather in worship
to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

At this table we are all God's people gathered in communion with Christ.
May our joy-filled celebrations of Thanksgiving Day
remind us of the joyful feast of the people of God.

Thank you, God! Amen.

(Thanksgiving Day, United States, Minute for Mission, PCUSA)



A Prayer of

Thanksgiving



A System or a Way

We laid Seabuiscuit to rest in early October. She's in the back yard now, near the house, in a new planter area we created over the summer. We're still working on the cross that will mark her grave. She wasn't much to look at, although I can't really claim to be a qualified judge of Hamster beauty. Maybe she was the prettiest hamster ever! The last glimpse I had of her was of her snout peaking through an opening in the paper she was wrapped in—pointy nose, two yellow front teeth that she used to chew on her cage bars. Oh, but she was intrepid! I remember the way that snout would move non-stop as she explored her cage and reached her nose up to the fingers that approached the bars. I remember how she rolled through the house in her yellow plastic ball...bumping into walls, flinching whenever our dog Benny charged her to sniff or lick the ball, only to steady herself and start off again.

The burial reminded me of another story I heard over the summer, by Gertrud Mueller Nelson, the artist who is responsible for much of the iconic art work that graces our worship aid covers most Sundays. She remembers a time as a child when she and her friends buried every little dead creature they found. "We had a strange, deep sense of having done something good," she says. She recalls their solemn group fervently enacting the rituals they had seen adults do in church. "I think," she said, "we need children to bury these little ones, to sing memorial requiems for every little bird and cat and dog and rat [and hamster] to restore holiness to creation."

It's that last bit that caught my attention when I first heard Mueller Nelson talk about this. *Restoring holiness to creation*. Brian McLaren, one of the primary voices of an emerging Christianity that is reconnecting the Christian faith to a new generation of believers and to its unified center says in a new book *Finding Our Way Again* (Thomas Nelson, 2008), that Christianity is a way of life rather than just a belief system. It is both, of course, but the conservative/progressive, mainline/evangelical edges have often missed one for the other.

Christianity is a belief system in that we are centered, as the readings in Matthew and Exodus and Philippians have been over the last months on the law not as a list of rules, but as a way of life—in other words, a belief system *that leads to a way of living*. We might clarify that it is a belief system that as it is rightly lived restores holiness to creation, as Mueller Nelson understood as a kid, and as we understood even as we said our goodbyes to Seabuiscuit.

The church uses the stuff of life—water, bread, wine, word, song—and in our doing *together* gives it back to us encircled by holiness. In our practice together, in our worship, it returns meaning to them. The gifts of nature are returned to us in liturgy as the body of Christ. The ordinary acts of life—giving, receiving, singing, speaking, washing, healing, mourning—are animated by our actions in the church so that we might be sent home again with a new heart and a clear vision; the ordinary becomes extraordinary and the routine, holy.

Grace and Peace,

NEWS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

ST. ANDREW PRAYERS

Joining the Church Triumphant!

Terri Lynne Funk

June 25, 1963 – October 21, 2008

“Let me win. But if I cannot win,
let me be brave in the attempt.”
(Special Olympics Athlete Oath)

At age 45, Terri Lynne Funk passed away on October 21, 2008, surrounded by family and friends.

Terri was born June 25, 1963, to Sheila R. Greene and Evan C. Funk in Lubbock, Texas. She graduated from Hazen High School in Special Education in 1984. Terri participated in Special Olympics for years winning many medals in track and field, and bowling events. She also enjoyed activities with friends through the Renton Parks & Recreation program. She attended services regularly at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, and spent weekdays with friends at Eastside Adult Day Services where she enjoyed playing bingo and card sharks. Terri had a passion for raising money for ‘Jerry’s Kids’, Seahawks Football, Elvis and solving word finds. She will be remembered lovingly for her positive disposition and always thinking happy thoughts.

Terri is survived by her mother, Sheila Greene; father, Evan Funk; sister, Sharon Funk; brother, Gary Funk; aunt, Karen Chaney; uncle, Phillip Patterson; and many other loved ones.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 1, 2:00 p.m. at SAPC; a private burial is scheduled at Greenwood Memorial Park in Renton.

Memorials in Terri’s honor may be made to Special Olympics or to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.



Chuck Trimm

Passed away on Wednesday, October 22, 2008. A Memorial Service was held 2:00 p.m., Saturday, October 25, 2008, at the Maplewood Golf Club.

Chuck was known best around St. Andrew for his willingness to do maintenance work whenever called upon. He was one of the long-term teachers of the Highlands Pre-School; and worked as the Shop Instructor at Whitman Middle School for 32 years.

Prayers for his loving wife Marilyn and the family would be appreciated.

Donations in his memory to Dr. Golds Colon Cancer Research Center, Swedish Medical Foundation, 747 Broadway, Seattle, WA 98122 are welcomed.

Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside still waters;
He restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.*

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil; for you, are with me;
your rod and your staff - - they comfort me.*

*You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.*

AMEN!

Prayers of Thanksgiving



Welcome!

New grandson for **Judy & Roger Paulsen**
"Jaxon Edward Paulsen"
Born October 14, 2008, 7:15 p.m.
8 lbs 9 oz

Kaitlyn Schott has a new job working at the Cinema in the Landing. Congratulations!

Pat Sharpe wishes to thank and praise the **Golden Hammer and Saw Team** for building a ramp at her residence that allows Ted to drive his wheelchair out to the van. They now also have a lift that makes it possible for Pat to load the wheelchair into the van. It's a joy to see Ted at worship. Praise the Lord.

Patti Warden offered prayers of celebration that her son, **Maser**, has returned to work.

Let us pray for.....

The father of **Julie-Kae Sigars**, recovering from surgery

Sheila Greene and family in the loss of Terri Funk; please bring comfort and healing.

Dorothy Stonehocker, mother of **Karen Lutz**

Matt Sowan, a new visitor at SAPC; let us welcome him.

Margaret Wilkie asked for prayers for **Marjorie Hover**; **Clarence** is not well. She also requests prayers for **Gretchen Morris**, undergoing radiation therapy in addition to her chemotherapy.

Karen Lutz asked for prayers for the son of **Ann Whitlow** (for whom we have prayed); he is in Afghanistan.

*Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayers.....*



Count Your Blessings

**Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.**

**Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.**

**Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.**

**Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.**

**Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.**

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



*We come to you, O Lord,
at the beginning of this important week
when we choose the president.
We need clarity of thought
and your guidance in our decision making.*

- Nov. 02** 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Christian & Citizen:
Daylight Savings Time ends.
- Nov. 09** 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Stewardship Commitment
- Nov. 16** 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Care Giver
- Nov. 23** Christ the King/Reign of Christ
- Nov. 30** 1st Sunday of advent



*Loving Creator, help us gather our thoughts
and focus on your will for our lives.*

*May this time of worship
be pleasing to you
and a time of spiritual growth for us.*

AMEN.

**YOU ARE INVITED!
PLEASE JOIN US**

*Presbytery of Seattle
Meeting*

Tuesday, November 18, 2008

*Hosted by St. Andrew Presbyterian Church
At Renton First Presbyterian Church
2640 Benson Road, South
Renton, WA 98055-5106*

*3:30 p.m. Pre-Presbytery Activities
(to be announced);
Registration Tables Open
5:00 p.m., Assembly & Worship
6:00 p.m., Dinner
7:00 p.m., Business Meeting*

*Our own **Elder Pete Jones**, Moderator,
Presbytery of Seattle, will be preaching,
at this his last meeting of the moderatorial year.*

***Meal tickets** for the dinner may be
purchased at the meeting or by mail for those
who wish to pre-pay. The cost is \$10, payable
to SAPC. A meal Reservation Form is enclosed
to pre-pay their ticket. Pre-paid tickets may be
picked up at the Registration Table located in
the lobby of Renton First PC on the day of the
event.*

***Child Care** can be available from 5:00-
9:00 p.m. for those who call the Church Office,
of Renton First P.C., 425-255-1255, by noon on
Friday, November 14th. Please bring a bag
lunch for each child.*

***Information:** Elder Alma-jean Marion
(206) 852-6868 (Cell). Emergency Calls at the
Event: 425-255-1255 (Renton First P.C.).*

SCHOLARSHIP FUND FOR SEMINARIANS

by Andy Peck

Two members of our congregation, Jill Jones and Maggie McAdams, are enrolled in seminary programs leading to careers as Ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Both women are established in a formal process that is defined in our denomination's Book of Order.

Jill is a Candidate, a phase to "provide for the full preparation of persons to serve the church as ministers of the Word and Sacrament." She is now an intern at Northminster Presbyterian Church, which explains her recent absences from our worship services.

Maggie is an Inquirer, a phase "to provide an opportunity for the church and those who believe themselves called to ministry of the Word and Sacrament to explore that call together in such a way that the decision regarding the inquirer's suitability for ministry of the Word and Sacrament will be based on knowledge and experience of one another."

Maggie is heavily involved as our Youth Director, which explains why I see her nearly every time I enter our church building. Our congregation has committed, in a covenant relationship, to nurture and care for both women in their efforts. The Book of Order states: "The session shall function in a supportive role during the phases of inquiry and candidacy to ensure that care is provided on a continuous basis. The session shall appoint an elder from the church to be a liaison with the inquirer or candidate and the appropriate presbytery committee. The session should consider the provision of financial support for the inquirer or candidate."

At the Oct. 13 meeting, the St. Andrew session approved the establishment of "The Seminary Scholarship Fund", to be administered by the Scholarship Committee. Unlike our other scholarship funds, this will not be managed as an endowment. All donations to the fund are expected to be disbursed to recipients, instead of distributing only the investment income. This fund provides a vehicle through which members can make tax-deductible donations to lighten the financial burden of seminary studies on the student's families.

To satisfy IRS requirements for tax deductions, donors may not designate funds for a particular individual. Recipients and amounts of scholarship awards are determined by the Scholarship Committee. Awards are restricted to members of St. Andrew who have been designated by the Seattle Presbytery as Inquirers or Candidates under the care of St. Andrew.

If you wish to contribute to the scholarship fund, please make checks payable to the church, with a note written on the face of the check or attached separately indicating that it is for "The Seminary Scholarship Fund". For any questions or for the complete text of the motion, please call me at 425-228-7395.

Upcoming Events for STARS

The STARS (Senior/Retirees Group), SAPC, monthly potluck is Thursday, November 6, 11:30 a.m. in the Adult Library Room.

RX: Laughter is an excellent and free medicine. Come with jokes, humor, stories, poems, and picture of yourself at a younger age. This should be an afternoon to remember! You may leave years younger than when you came. Share a dish at this potluck with old and new friends.

REMEMBER: Annual STARS Christmas Potluck With music led by Ray and Julie Johnson. This is the time to reminisce while enjoying the festive air of the season. Mark your calendar for Thursday, December 4th at the same time and place. STARS will ring in the new year (Jan. 8th) with the Renton Crime Prevention Team presentation.



A little girl was busily drawing a picture. When her mother asked what she was drawing, the girl replied, "I'm drawing a picture of God."

"But, honey, no one knows what God looks like," said the mother.

"Well, they will when I get through!"

Adult Seminars

READY, GET SET, SHOP!!

(Circle the date!)

Saturday, November 22nd
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

“St. Andy’s Gals Bazaar “



It’s a festive event in true St. Andrew tradition. Barbara Glasscock has already completed a handsome cross stitched piece, Joyce Walker a wonderful watercolor, and a Petunia oil painting by Karen Mullen are among others for this year’s raffle.

Tickets are still \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

Crafters are already busy, and the gourmet cooks are hard at work preparing the grand array of goodies. We will be supporting the Ten Thousand Villages again this year with their array of hand crafted items. Proceeds will go to support women and youth programs.

Can you smell the luscious chicken soup and yummy hot cinnamon rolls? It will be quite a spread. Questions? Call Karen Mullen, 425-255-2580 or Trulene Glenn, 253 735-4735.

Sunday Mornings – 9:30 a.m.
Wednesday Evenings – 6:30 p.m.

“What’s Happening With the Economy”

Sunday, Nov. 2, “What’s Happening? Why did it happen? What should Christians be doing? (Sunday session only, no Wednesday session).

“Midlife Spirituality”

Sundays, Nov. 9 and 16; Wednesdays, Nov. 12 and 19. Midlife (age 35-60) can be a time of questioning, discomfort, feeling off balance, plus exhilarating discovery, and opportunities for meaningful spiritual growth (2 sessions, Sun. and Wednes.)

“Compassion” – Sunday, Nov. 23. How do we break the habit of indifference? Why do some people find it easier than others? How do we teach our children to be compassionate? (1 Sun. session, no Wed. session).

“Advent Through the Eyes of Those Who Waited”,

Sundays, Nov. 30-Dec. 21 and Wednesdays, Dec. 10 and 17.

Information? Contact Laurie Rossnagel, 206-543-3064 (work) or 425-466-3241 (Cell)



Nov. 8 Hang out at the Church

5:30 pm

Nov.15 Afternoon Bike Riding
5:30 pm Meet at Church; help Lisa Phillips Cook for Nov. 18th Presbytery Meeting

Handel's Messiah

SAPC has purchased 25 tickets for the Seattle Symphony's performance of Handel's Messiah at a 15% discount. Plans are for the December 20th 1:00 p.m. performance. After the discount tickets cost \$25.50. Call or email the Church Office (Kim Ellenberg) to purchase tickets.

Checks are to be made out to St. Andrew Presbyterian Church for \$25.50, and they may be placed in the offering plate during worship. Please note "Handel 's Messiah" on the memo line of the check. The final number planning to attend is needed by November 30th.

Bell Choir



The Bell Choir is scheduled to resume practice. Interested? Please join us.

Information/Questions? Call Helene Krasko,

206-242-8311



BIBLE QUIZ



Isaiah, a spokesman for God, looked for the Messiah to come from a certain family. He wrote: "A shoot shall come out from the stump of ____, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord" (Isaiah 11: 1-3, NRSV).

From whom did Isaiah say the Messiah would come?

- A. Adam
- B. Noah
- C. Samson
- D. Jesse

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND



Ernest and Mary Scott November 7th
 Norm and Lois Summers November 21st

CONGRATULATIONS!



Nov. 02 Suzanne Woodruff
 Knox Young

Nov. 03 Kim Ellenberg

Nov. 04 Sharon Anderson
 Tony Lopez
 Sue Mitchell

Nov. 05 Don Patterson

Nov. 10 Dan Clawson

Nov. 11 Lori Parise

Nov. 14 Gretchen Morris

Honor Our Veterans

Veterans Day, which is November 11 each year, is a holiday to honor America's veterans and willingness to serve and sacrifice for our nation's common good.

Christians follow the Prince of Peace, so war is a dilemma that often challenges people of faith. Some Christians are pacifists, while others believe in a "just war." Many believe that the goals of freedom, justice, equality and democracy are worth the cost required.

Whatever individual Christians decide about any given conflict, most Christians believe that man and women who strive to make this world free of tyrants are to be respected. As Winston Churchill said, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

Thank you to all the men and women who served are are now serving our country.

Nov. 17 Midge Lopez

Nov. 18 Wendi Lane

Nov. 19 Leilani Campbell

Nov. 25 Gary Glasscock

Nov. 29 Brianna Schott

AND MANY MORE!!

Bible Quiz Answer: D2008 Mission Trip Survey

St. Andrew sent a 12 person adult and youth mission team to Gulfport Mississippi in May 2008 to do post disaster relief work. The cost was \$9000, which was raised by team fundraising and individual contributions from St. Andrew members. In conjunction with the local Presbytery, the team helped build a house for a disabled woman.

This survey asks you "What Next?" Does St. Andrew undertake another mission trip? If so, what type? Please tell us what you think on a scale of 1 – 10, with 1-no interest, and 10-enthusiastically yes. "Support" means actively participating yourself or doing something to help others participate.

- Do you think sending a team to Gulfport was a good investment of St. Andrew time and money?
- Would you go on an out of state mission trip yourself?
- Would you support an international mission trip?
- Would you support St. Andrew doing more in-state mission work (like Centralia flood assistance)?
- Would you give up a Saturday to participate in an in-state mission activity?
- Would you volunteer to help with an in-state mission activity by being on an organizing committee, or driving, or teaching skills or doing other useful tasks?
- Should St. Andrew financially support individuals or small groups joining others doing mission work? (for example youth joining another youth groups' trip, or individuals going to Africa)
- Would you like future St. Andrew mission trips to include post disaster relief?
- Would you like future St. Andrew mission trips to be focused on activities like doing physical work on homes, orphanages, churches, or improving living conditions, or helping/teaching in other cultures?
- Should St. Andrew continue a relationship with the people/Presbytery in Gulfport Mississippi?
- Do you support intergenerational mission trips?
- Do you support youth mission trips?
- Should St. Andrew undertake an out of state mission trip during the next 12 months?

Please add other comments on the back of this form – we REALLY want to know what you think!

Return this survey to the offering, the office, or the mailbox of Roger Paulsen or Laurie Rossnagel.

Results will be used by the Mission Committee. Thanks for taking the time to complete it.

THANKSGIVING GATHERING



When you are with family and friends this holiday, let them know how thankful you are for them with this fun craft.

What you need:

- Photos (group or individual) of each person
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Cardstock or construction paper
- Glue sticks
- Pencil
- Envelopes

What you do:

1. Collect photos of the people you'll be seeing. For group shots, make a copy for each person.
2. On the back of each picture, use a ruler and pencil to draw vertical and horizontal lines. Space the lines 1 inch apart to make a grid with 1-inch squares.
3. Starting in the top-right corner, number the squares beginning with 1. Number the top row across, then the second row and so on.
4. Cut out all the squares and put them in an envelope. Write the correct person's name on each envelope.
5. On the bottom of each piece of cardstock, write "I thank my God every time I remember you, *Philippians 1:3 (NIV)*." Then sign your name.
6. Give each person an envelope and a piece of cardstock. Instruct people to put the squares in order to reveal their picture. Tell them how many numbers go across and down.
7. For a special keepsake, have people glue their finished photos onto the cardstock.

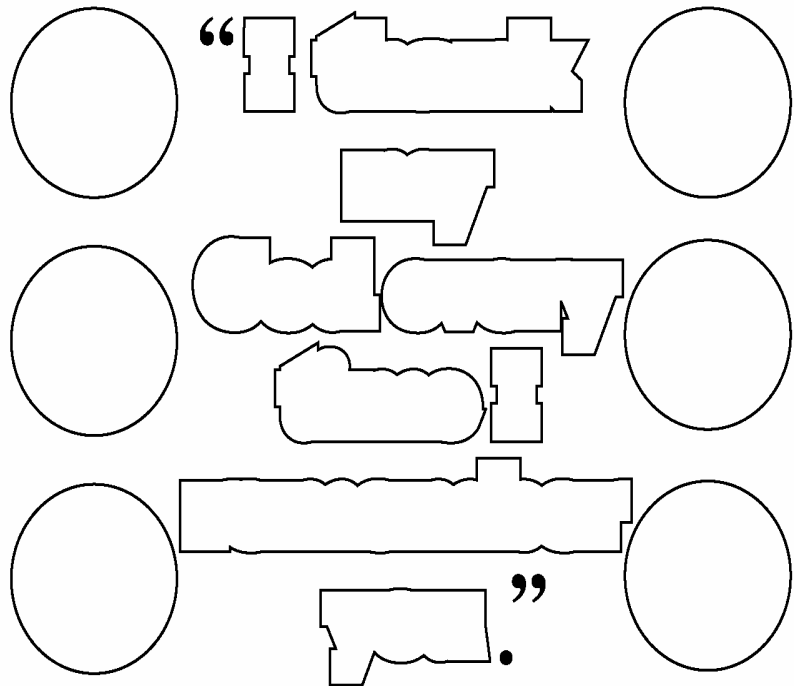


Thanksgiving and Prayer

When Paul sent a letter to the church at Philippi, he told his friends how he felt about them. Finish this puzzle to read what Paul wrote in *Philippians 1:3*.

Match words in the list below to the correct word shape. Then write the letters inside each shape. In the circles, draw the faces of people you're thankful for in your life.

WORD LIST: remember time you I God
I my thank every



Answer: "I thank my God every time I remember you."

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HERE I AM, LORD

By Alma-jean Marion

"Here I am, Lord, is it I Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you need me, I will hold Your people in my heart."

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GREETINGS OF THE THANKSGIVING SEASON!
PRAISE HIS NAME FOR THIS BOUNTIFUL SEASON!
BE THANKFUL!

These are very difficult times for our nation, for many of our congregations, and for our denomination. Sometimes the issues and struggles seem entirely beyond us. We do not always know what steps to take to move toward health, peace, and hope. Yet we have been promised that if we turn to God, healing and strength will come. Please join our many Christian brothers and sisters worldwide in committing to a Season of Prayer. Perhaps choosing one prayer a week over the weeks ahead would be a start. Feel free to add your own prayers to the list and keep praying!

"If my people, who are called by name, will humble themselves and pray, seek my face and turn from their evil ways. I will hear from heaven, forgive their sins, and heal their land."

II Chronicles 7:14

We pray to Christ that:

1. We might release our anxiety about the future, and instead follow Jesus' command to "have no anxiety." Trusting in God's sovereignty and care. (Matthew 6:34 and Philippians 4: 6-7);
2. We might treat each other with profound respect as brothers and sisters in Christ, praying for each other and forgiving one another (Mark 12: 28-34, Ephesians 4:32, Colossians 3: 12-13).
3. We might all become peacemakers and not simply peace-keepers, seeking the wholeness of God's Shalom (Luke 5: 1-16).
4. Christ would calm the storms and make the floods recede – the real ones, the figurative ones, and the storms of our imaginations (Luke 8:24)
5. That we would experience the joy of love of the Lord in Ministry and in our lives each day (John 15: 11-17)

I credit these writings to Rev. Lynn Longfield, General Presbyter, Olympia Presbytery and offer them to you my St. Andrew family.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND GOD'S BLESSINGS TO YOU.

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NOVEMBER, 2008



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Through God's grace,
is a loving, accepting,
inclusive congregation
serving others
and fostering spiritual
and personal growth
for all ages.**

**We rejoice in God's
presence and in the
abundant gifts we are
given. We strive to be
ambitious disciples
of Christ
and to provide
a safe supportive haven
to all.**