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## Spanish Conversation

Friday, October 5 at 6 PM, friends and neighbors are invited to a Spanish Conversation Potluck in the Fellowship Hall. The evening consists of a casual meal shared around tables. The primary language for communication is Spanish. The goal is to enjoy the language and culture of our native Spanish speaking friends and improve our familiarity with the Spanish language. Students and others interested in real time Spanish practice are invited to come and enjoy.

Guests are asked to bring a dish to share that will serve about 8 people. Plates, cups, and beverages will be supplied. Guests are free to go any time. Another conversational potluck is scheduled for November 2.

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## Why a Haunted Church and How Can You Help

Every year we get a few people who wonder why we decorate our church for Halloween, let alone call it haunted. Quite simply, we do this because most people in our community, including our own families, participate in Halloween by dressing up, decorating, and trick or treating. For the most part we believe these practices are harmless, and can actually bring communities closer together. And while we are careful to avoid any associations with the Devil and all things truly evil, we believe this event is an easy way for us to reach people where they are at in life, stay relevant to contemporary society, and create a fun and non-threatening bridge people can walk across to step into church. We don't hold any illusions that people will be saved by walking through our maze, but we hope this will soften their hearts and start to break down some of the prejudices, fears, and mental objections they may have towards church.

So what can you do to help? First, invite all of your friends and neighbors. Second, donate candy and/or baked goodies for the event. Third, sign up for one of our decorating parties. And most importantly, show up the night of to be there to welcome in our neighbors and show them a good time. It takes very little skill or energy to sit behind a door, open it, and pass out candy, but every year we seem to always need more help. And every year our neighbors tell us how much they love the event. Please be part of it success!

## Apple Cider

Each fall, we gather apples from an orchard in Eastern Washington to be used to make homemade apple cider. We invite friends from Faith Church to host a squeeze in their neighborhood and invite friends and neighbors to join.

The church will provide the apples, the presses and all of the equipment. We have some sterilized bottles for each venue. Instructions are supplied. All you need to provide is the muscle! We suggest planning about 2 hours for an event. Each box of apples produces about 2 gallons of cider. If you would like to host a squeeze at your place, please contact the office. We can only guarantee adequate apples for events scheduled before October 10.

The annual apple picking will be Saturday, October 13. The carpool leaves church at 8 AM and returns about 4 PM. Recommended attire is layers. Check the weather report for Yakima.



# World Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 7, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. This is a day set aside where the church around the world observes communion as a demonstration of our oneness in Christ. Plan to join us and enjoy the global flavor of the morning.

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## Arbor Day

Saturday, October 6 from 10 to 1, the city of Edmonds has asked Faith Church to help with planting flowers and trees at Meadowdale Clubhouse, 6801 North Meadowdale Road. The Parks Department and Edmonds Tree Board will supply all of the plants and equipment for the project. Pizza will be served for lunch to all of the volunteers. Volunteers will be assisted by city employees and Tree Board members. No reservations are required. Come and join us.



# Classis Forum

Human sexuality is a prevalent topic in our culture today. Individuals and churches struggle to know how to address the subject and how to sort out what they believe and how they should act. Our regional body, known as the Classis Cascades, is bringing Dr. Preston Sprinkle to speak on October 19, 2018 from 1 to 5 PM at Trinity Community Church in Kent. Preston is a Bible professor who has devoted significant time to researching the issues both biblically and culturally.

This forum is open to all who are interested in learning more about the topic. You can visit [www.centerforfaith.com](http://www.centerforfaith.com) to learn more about the work that Preston is doing. You can register for the Forum at: [Forum Registration](#). The presentation will include time for those attending from each church to discuss the ministry in our local context. You can contact Pastor Phil for more information. The cost to attend the Forum is \$55. Scholarship assistance is available.

# Vision House Breakfast

The annual Vision House Breakfast is Tuesday, October 23, at 7:30 at the Lynnwood Convention Center. Doors open at 7 AM. Dr. Gregory Jantz from The Center for Hope in Edmonds will be the guest speaker. One of the Vision House residents will also share her story of finding permanent housing. We will hear an update on the progress being made on the Phase 2 project at the Shoreline location. The foundation is in and the framing has begun. Over half a million dollars in volunteer labor and material donations are being contributed to see this happen. When completed, the new facility will house 10 more families and provided additional program space.

There is no fee for attending the breakfast. An invitation will be given at the conclusion of the morning to make a gift to support the work of Vision House. If you would like to be at a table with your friends from Faith, please contact the office by October 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## Upcoming Events

The Annual meeting for election of Elder and Deacon and adoption of next year's budget will be Sunday, November 11 at 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Thanksgiving Brunch—Sunday, November 18, 2018, 10 to 11:30, we will participate in a shared meal with our friends from Christ's Worship Center. Plan to spend a little more time and enjoy the meal.