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Ministry Fair

One group recently did a count and discovered we have at least 20 people serving every Sunday at church. Volunteers are the heart of ministry at Faith.

Sunday, May 5, we are planning a ministry fair during the fellowship time after church. Everyone is encouraged to take a look around at the many ways volunteers make Faith a great place. From greeters to teachers and from up front to behind the scenes roles, a wide array of opportunities await.

Our leaders are so convinced of the importance of volunteers, we will be contacting anyone who is unable to sign up on the 5th. We hope to have a conversation with everyone that will identify an area of joy and interest where they can serve. If you have additional ideas or suggestions, please feel free. I hope to see you at the fair!

Mothers Day

May 12 is Mothers' Day. This year will feature a unique presentation for our morning message. Pastor Phil's mom, Anna, has been following Jesus for about 70 years. The journey began on the streets of Yakima and moved to the First Southern Baptist Church. The last 65 of those years have been at East Valley Reformed Church in Yakima. The story of how this discipleship journey began is quite simple, but where the path of following Jesus would lead took some interesting twists and turns. A simple invitation turned into a family legacy.

Pastor Phil will be conducting an interview that will highlight some of these faith-filled moments in her life. You won't want to miss her answer to the final question, "What would you like to tell Faith Church about your son!?"

Communion Sunday

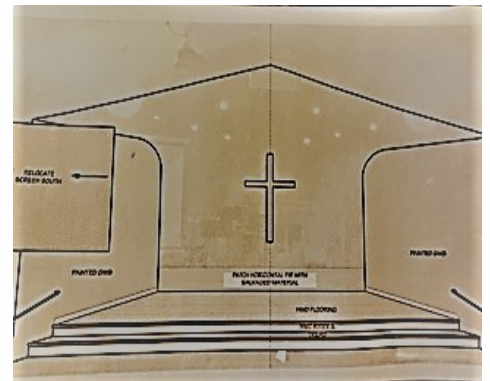
Family Sunday

Sunday, May 5, will be our monthly Family Sunday. Students from Faith assist in worship through singing, ushering, and reading. Families worship together and we conclude the service with communion.

Stage Renovations

We have begun a modest renovation of the platform area in our Sanctuary. The goal is to make the space more functional without the tiered risers in the back. We also need to update the electrical system, both low voltage and regular outlets. Our increasingly sensitive electronic equipment is vulnerable using our current system. While attending to these functional updates, we will also address a few aesthetic details that will clean up the appearance on the platform and make it more appealing.

We ask everyone to be patient for a few weeks while all of this is taking place. We hope to have everything complete by June 1. We will be using mostly volunteer workers. If you would like to be included in the worker notices that will be sent out via email, please let Pastor Phil know – phil@faithedmonds.org - and he will add your name to the list.



Favorites

In the month of May, Pastor Phil will be sharing some of his favorite themes and ministry discoveries. Here is a short introduction to each.

May 5 – Gratitude and Generosity: Two of the greatest hallmarks of transformed lives. Looking at the challenging invitation Paul offers in 2 Corinthians 8 and 9, we will reflect on how these qualities can grow in our lives.

May 12 – Invitation: how one small invitation has had a big impact. Pastor Phil will be interviewing his mother. Paul commended Timothy's mother and grandmother for passing on their faith to this early church leader. Here to familial history that has provided the foundation for Pastor Phil's faith.

May 19 – Discipleship: THE mission of the church. The mission of the church is to make disciples who make disciples. This is about the importance of a church's focus and of each of us as individuals reflecting on our walk with Jesus.

May 26 – Transitions: Every new beginning begins with an ending. One of the helpful lessons on the Congregational Vitality Pathway is called Transitions. Reflecting on the Exodus, we will learn some important keys about ending well, transitioning well, and beginning anew.

June 2 – Blessing – What does it mean for God to bless us? How can we bless one another? Listen to an ancient benediction (blessing) from the Old Testament that brings God into our lives today in a special way.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday May 2, is the National Day of Prayer. This year's theme is "Love one Another" Based upon the words of Jesus in John 13:34-35, which says, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so must you love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Vision House Dinner/Tea

We will be hosting our annual Mothers' Tea for the women residing at Vision House in Shoreline on Tuesday, May 14 at 6 PM. This is a special event initiated by the Vision House staff to provide a gathering to specifically honor some women who rarely or never have been recognized as people of great value and worth. Sue Holmes has gathered a wide variety of donations which will fill gift bags for each Vision House guest and also special raffle prizes for those in attendance.

If you would like to help serve or host our guests, please contact the church office before May 10. We need table hosts, hosts to welcome folks, Faith people to sit and be hospitable with our guests, and people to serve the meal and bus tables.

Here is the list of confirmed donors: Café Louvre; Caffè Ladro; Days for Girls; Driftwood Players; Edmonds Theater; Fred Meyer; Ivar's; James Alan Salon; Seattle Mariners; McDonalds; Mod Pizza; MoPOP; Pagliacci Pizza; QFC; Riteaid; Safeway; Sally Beauty; Sephora; Starbucks (Downtown Edmonds and Westgate locations); Thriftway; Walgreen's.

Save the Date:

July 8 through 12 we will be hosting our annual, kids' Church Camp. Similar to VBS (or VBF), this is an all day camp for kids in kindergarten through 6th grade. One of the special wrinkles for our church is that we have many of our teens help lead the events and activities of this camp. So whether you have kids or teens in your home, please set apart these dates as you make your summer plans.
