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The MESSENGER

We Made It!

Congratulations: You made it through 2020!

Now what? Unfortunately, changing years doesn't change the situation we all find ourselves in. So how do we move forward, make the best of this, and even grow as we follow Jesus?

Jesus' invitation in the gospels is, "Follow me." In 2021, God is inviting you to a deeper following of Jesus. Let me suggest three things to deepen your discipleship to Jesus in 2021:

- 1) Personal or small group Bible study.** Some kind of regular engagement with God through Scripture is really important. If you're going to go the "individual" route, be sure to use something that will help you and push you in your study – like a study guide, or a commentary or other book that will help you get "beyond yourself" in your understanding of Scripture. Same thing for a small group – it really helps to have a resource to guide your learning – though a small group has the advantage of each individual sharing their insights/understanding, plus the bonus of fellowship and people to turn to for encouragement and prayer. If you'd like to join a small group or help get one started (via Zoom, and you don't need to be a Bible expert), let me know. Bonus: My favorite resource for small group or individual Bible study is called, "The Serendipity Bible." It's a Bible that helps you study it and think about Scripture, with questions in the margins that help you to study and reflect on the given passage.
- 2) Corporate Worship.** Whether online or in person, engaging in corporate worship is important. It centers us for the week; we hear Scriptural truth through songs, the Bible, and sermons; being with the body of Christ (in person or virtually) encourages us; prayer brings us to the heart of God; the Sacraments remind us of the depth of God's love.
- 3) Serve.** Jesus reminds us that "the law and the prophets" are summarized like this: Love God and love your neighbor. Even that is truncated, but it conveys the meaning. The first two points I've highlighted above pertain to "love God." "Love your neighbor" is carried out when we serve in some way – whether that's to others in the church, or outside of it. When we serve, we are arguably at our most Christ-like, given that Jesus' whole life was one of service – all the way to the cross where he served in the most sacrificial way possible. So serve regularly in the name of Jesus: Start a new small group, send cards to the homebound, get involved with a ministry team, or get to know your neighbors and how you can bless them.

As we follow Jesus in these ways, he will reveal to you more of his grace, truth, power, love and faithfulness. And that is exactly what we need to make it through 2021 and beyond.

May this year be one of incredible growth for each of us, as we continue together in our discipleship to Jesus Christ at Rose Hill Church.

Your Pastor,



Brian

 ROSE HILL
CHURCH



RHKIDZ

Gwen North, Children's and Family Ministry Director



2021 Is GOING
TO BE EXCITING!
Just You Wait!

At RHKidz let us commit to making it great by turning our hearts to Christ though continuing to train our children up in the Lord. We have a variety of opportunities to carry this out that will meet your families needs. Take time as a family to read the Bible and pray. Our church has opportunities for spiritual growth as well for your children:

1. We have our Sunday Morning Zoom Sunday School at 8:30 each Sunday!

Everyone is welcome!!!!!!
Preschool - 5th Grade



2. We have weekly Asynchronous Lessons Online at the Church Website:

www.rosehill.church/kidz-lesson

There are also attachments on the website with worksheets in addition to videos that go along with the theme for the week!

3. We have a "Children's Talk" during the service. Kids can grab a clipboard when they walk into church and do activities in the pews. They can engage with singing during worship and be with their parents as well!



All said, Let's start 2021 off right! Let's make God #1 and keep learning, praying, and growing with our family at home and our friends at church by taking part in these opportunities either online or in person!!!!!!

God Bless You All!



A big THANK YOU to our RH kids, parents, and Brad Hurte who helped make the RHKidz 2020 Christmas Pageant possible, and adorable!



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

YOUTH

Paul Hudson, Director of Youth Ministry

We couldn't wait for 2020 to get over with and now here we are! I trust that you had a wonderful Christmas holiday and New Year celebration despite the craziness of it all. The youth are just waiting patiently to get back to a normal type of schedule with close gatherings, fun outings around the city, and pizza! Hopefully with the vaccine roll out we will be able to do more normal things sooner than later. As I am writing this in mid-December, I am not sure what type of restrictions we will still be faced with in January, but our Wednesday night youth group will resume in the COVID schedule for now, 7pm-8pm.

Coming up: We will have a dedicated game night on Jan. 6th for our first youth group back from the break, and a movie night in the gym on Wednesday the 27th. Keep your ears open for a Snoqualmie pass youth ski trip!

I hope those of you who have stayed home can begin to venture out to the church soon! God bless you, stay strong and healthy!



Christmas Eve Service

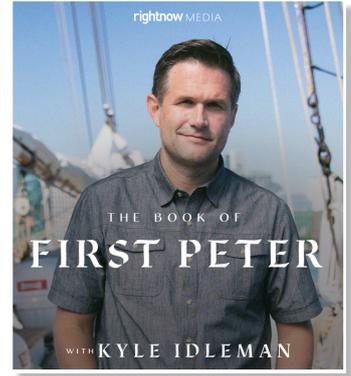


2020

Join a small group study of First Peter via Zoom on your phone or computer! You can expect Bible teaching, encouragement in faith, and fellowship! Facilitation of the session will be provided by Andy Padvorac and Laird Leavitt.

Class starts on January 11
Monday evenings, 7:00pm - 8:00 pm

Each of the 7 classes will include a 10-15 minute video of a Bible teacher sharing a lesson and the rest of the class will be a group discussion. To get a link to the Zoom class, please send an email to Andy Padvorac at andypadvo@gmail.com with "1 Peter Study" in the subject line. You will be sent an email "inviting" you to the class.



- Here is a 2-minute trailer to the series. www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/289495?episode=Trailer
- If you want to check it out, the class materials are here: www.rightnowmedia.org/Content/Series/289495



A DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Pandemic has changed a lot, including our denomination's annual "National Gathering" (NG). Rather than pastors and elder representatives gathering from all of our churches in one location for a few days, this year's NG is completely virtual. The loss of relational connection will be missed for sure. But, the silver lining is that anyone in our ECO churches can attend, including you!

Every year, those of us who get to go to the NG come back wishing more could attend, and now is your chance. There are guest speakers on a wide variety of topics from Missions to Worship to Evangelism to Church Finance. This year's NG is 1/29 - 1/31, and you can register at: econationalgathering.org. There is no cost. So, get registered, and plan on watching some of the main session speakers or breakout session speakers. Your faith will be positively impacted, and you'll be inspired to shine brightly for Jesus as you step out into the unknown" of 2021.

THANK YOU

DEACONS

Roy McIntosh, Moderator

Thanksgiving and Christmas are always a busy time for the Deacons. We coordinated the provisions for 10 Thanksgiving and 11 Christmas dinners, 30 Angel Tree gift assortments to children of incarcerated people, the annual Christmas Card alternative as well as visiting and giving flowers to those we contact. This year Anna Filson made a special treat: She made 26 boxes (shoe box size) of different cookies which were given to those on our contact list and to our two military chaplains, Andrew Mulenburg and Kevin Mateer. The Deacons coordinated these activities, but it is the congregation's (your) generosity which makes it possible. On behalf of everyone who has been blessed by what the Deacons have done this past holiday season, we say "THANK YOU!" Now we look forward to serving in 2021, and hopefully seeing the last of COVID-19.

January Missionaries of the Month

GLOBAL OUTREACH



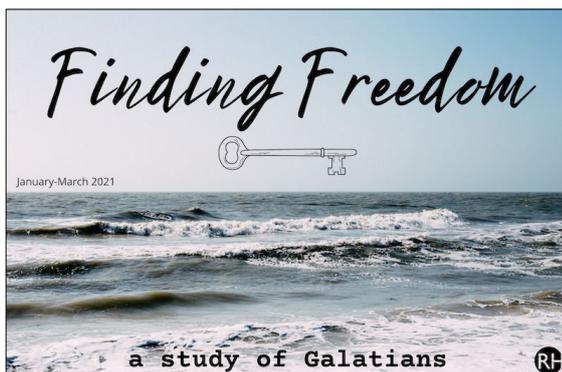
www.rosehill.church/global-outreach.html

Praying for Our Missionaries

Would you like to be a Missionary Pray-er? A group of Rose Hillites have been praying faithfully for our missionaries each month, and we'd like you to join in. If you are willing to receive a monthly email summary of updates, praises, and requests from our Rose Hill missionaries so you can rejoice with and pray for them, send an "I'll Pray" email to globaloutreach@rosehillpc.org.

No meetings (not even on Zoom), and you can pray whenever it works for you (maybe even as part of your regular devotion time).

GALATIANS SERMON SERIES



- Jan 3 Gal 1:1-10, "Hard Habit to Break"
- Jan 10 Gal 1:11-24, "Just One Changed Life"
- Jan 17 Gal 2:1-10, "Free for Fellowship"
- Jan 24 Gal 2:11-21, "Conflict"
- Jan 31 Gal 3:1-14, "Living by Faith"
- Feb 7 Gal 3:15-25, "Prisoners Set Free"
- Feb 14 Gal 3:26-4:7, "Children of God"
- Feb 21 Gal 4:8-20, "Deep Concern"
- Feb 28 Gal 4:21-31, "Children of the Promise"
- Mar 7 Gal 5:1-15, "Freedom in Christ"

SESSION

Brad Hurte, Clerk of Session

Session met electronically in December to discern God's will for His church here at Rose Hill.

Praise God, our Savior is born and we begin a new calendar year! One very exciting event happening at the end of January is the ECO National Gathering. This year it will be a virtual event, and everyone is invited to participate. You will be blessed by great speakers and spirit-filled teaching on a wide range of ministry topics. There is no cost to participate, and registration is open at ECONationalGathering.org. Let's have a large contingent from Rose Hill!

The Nominating Committee has been hard at work, and we pray that by the time you read this will have a full slate of nominations for church office. If God is calling you to serve in some way, reach out to Elder Steve Smith or Pastor Brian.

Session called a special meeting to be held on January 3 to set the 2021 budget. Thank you to everyone who submitted their pledge. It really does help us make wise budgeting decisions. November financials looked like this:

Income	November	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	2020 Budget
Pledges	\$29,515.31	\$275,690.81	\$273,357.33	\$298,208.00
Loose Offerings	\$20,648.33	\$151,148.53	\$190,666.67	\$208,000.00
Total Operating Donations	\$50,163.64	\$426,839.34	\$464,024.00	\$506,208.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$64,804.24	\$430,927.20	\$466,782.95	\$509,217.76
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$14,640.60)	(\$4,087.86)	(\$2,758.95)	(\$3,009.76)

Session is planning for a virtual Congregational Meeting on the last Sunday in January, the 31st. Connection information will be provided as conveniently as possible. We have some experience now thanks to the special meeting we held several months ago. At this meeting, we'll elect new elders and deacons and approve the Pastor's compensation for 2021. Session will also bring an amendment to our corporate by-laws that permits such electronic meetings in the case of similar necessities and in the absence of gubernatorial authorization that has permitted it thus far this year.

Again, thank you for continuing to mail checks to the church. Session asks that you pray for an end to the pandemic, protection for the healthy, healing for the sick, and hope for all. Continue to pray that God blesses Mukilteo Presbyterian Church in its search for a new Senior Pastor. Our God is sovereign. If you need encouragement, visit <https://rosehill.church/devotions>. God bless you and thank you for your faithful prayers.

Happy New Year!

ANNUAL REPORT

Our Annual Report will be available electronically on our web site on January 17. We will have hard copies at the church and it can be mailed upon request, but to help us conserve resources, please only request it if you cannot come to church and do not have access to the internet. Thank you for your understanding.

January Birthdays

2 Raymond Carr	23 Barbara Lince
3 Margaret France	24 Bob Harshbarger
8 Brian North	26 Mary Lou Roetcisoender
12 Judy Nigretto	27 Bill Odom
Donna Webb	Christine Seifert
Joyce Foy	28 Gayle Padvorac
14 Carol Richards	29 Barbara Paterson
20 Katie Pippel	30 Kurt Thompson
21 John Godfrey	31 Peggy Perry
22 Mary Hart	

January Anniversaries

31 Ron & Barbara Lince



Happy
New
Year!

Weekly

M 11:00 am Staff Meeting (2nd & 4th Mon)
 T 6:30 pm Worship Team Practice
 W 6:30 pm King's Kidz on Zoom
 7:00 pm RHC Youth Group
 SU 9:30 am Modern Service
 11:00 am Traditional Service

January Calendar

1 CHURCH CLOSED, Happy New Year!!!
 9 9:00 am Work Party
 11 11:00 am Staff Meeting
 18 CHURCH CLOSED, Martin Luther King Jr Day
 25 11:00 am Staff Meeting
 31 12:00pm
 Annual Congregational Business Meeting

UPCOMING ZOOM FELLOWSHIP

Jan. 6, 7pm
 Pastor Brian
 Sabatical Conversation



Jan. 13, 7pm
 Game Night!!!



Jan. 20, 12pm
 Senior Adult Lunch



FACILITIES

Dan Wolfe, Facilities Director

FACILITIES

WORK

PARTY!



January 9

9:00am to
12:00pm

Join us!

We need your
help to maintain
our church home!

CHURCH CONNECTIONS & RESOURCES

Streaming Services available on:
<https://rosehill.church/online>
<https://youtube.com/user/rosehillpc/live>

Prior audio services:
<https://rosehill.church/services>

Devotionals:
<https://www.rosehill.church/devotions>

Stay Informed:
<https://www.rosehill.church/COVID19>

Spiritual Growth:
<https://www.rosehill.church/rightnowmedia>