

The Brethren Baptist Bi-Monthly Newsletter

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Pastoral Letter May—June 2022

Rev. Dr. Joseph Roy

“Prayer is Listening to God”

Prayer is the act of listening to God. It’s an essential and valuable resource in our daily lives. The past two years have brought many decisions regarding what it means to be a church in times of dramatic change. In this time of transition for WBBC, all these changes not only impact our church, but also each one of us. Some scholars suggest the future is not a static destination, like driving from here to Spokane, but the future is shaped by the questions we ask and choices we make each day.

Where does listening to God fit into our future? Prayer is like our gyroscope, our compass and altimeter, our sextant. All of these instruments help us find our way when we hike, sail, or drive. Listening to God in prayer helps us discern the path ahead to follow Jesus as a church. Prayers like asking God what we need to hold on to or to let go in the transitions?

Ask questions wondering and discerning where God is leading us, and then listen for the guidance that is essential to shaping our church future. After listening, our next step is to share our understanding of God’s leading with our church community. Our decisions are not made in isolation, but as a whole body of Christ.

Go with God.

THANK YOU!

Dear Faith Family,

Thank you so much for your words of condolence at my husband's passing. As many of you have experienced, it is hard to realize someone so close for so many years is no longer here. Your phone calls, flowers, and cards have been sincerely welcomed and treasured. Robin and I are doing well and reel God's arms around us always, lifting and moving us forward.

Much love to you all.
Dayle Rushing

Filling the Pulpit & Worship Leaders

- ✓ Wondering who the speaker will be in the coming Sundays?
- ✓ Who the worship leader will be?
- ✓ Who to contact for pastoral care?
- ✓ Or if you are willing to be an usher?
- ✓ Or if you want to join a Grace and Growth group?

Fret no more. Refer to this handy Mini Directory.

Speakers

May 1: Olga Rybakov & the Ukrainian family living with her

May 8: Mike Rumley-Wells

May 15: Andrew Ray

May 22: Kyle Eberth

May 29: Andrew Ray

Worship Leaders

Merry Roy

Jim Bailey

Leanne Ford

Joe Roy

Colleen Michael

June Speakers:

— Kevin Eichhorn, Director of Camp Koinonia

— Douglas Avilesbernal, Evergreen Baptist Association

— Praise Team for a musical worship time

July:

— Judson Day with the Karen Church

Pastoral care:

Joe Roy (509-881-1082)

Colleen Michael (509-669-5643)

Grace and Growth Groups:

Merry Roy (509-881-1083)

Ushers:

Merry Roy (509-881-1083)

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our Shut-ins:

Carolyn Storme

Darlene Uhrich

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2nd Mabel Hoffman

9th Paxton Fletcher

15th Maurice Briggs

21st Robin Shockey

Ralph Jordan

23rd Jan White

26th Don Miller



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

29th Steve Shell

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

3rd Chuck & Jo Anne Cox

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

20th Steve & Jane Shell

24th Gary & Merry Kay Shaw



PROPERTY NEWS

I have been working with Mike Andreini and Caleb, teaching them how the automatic sprinklers work and getting everything ready outside for the water to be turned on. The city workers turned the water on Tuesday, April 12. I will continue to work with Mike and Caleb about the workings of the church as Trinity takes ownership of the building and grounds.

Lael Vickery,
Retiring Property Chair

Happy Mother's/Father's Day

NEWS FROM THE DEACONS

The Deacons continue sending cards, making special visits and supporting our congregation in many ways. In this regard Colleen has been going to Cashmere Convalescent Cyrus each Sunday to bring Darlene Uhrich to worship. They go out for lunch after the service! She has also accompanied Carolyn Storme to several medical visits. The recent sale of the church prompted organizing and centralizing Deacon supplies and equipment in a Fellowship Hall closet and the upstairs little kitchen. We held a bread and cup communion on Palm Sunday. If a Pastoral visit is needed contact the Deacon co-chairs Linda or Leanne. It is encouraging that even without a settled pastor our congregation is alive and well and functioning wonderfully.

Leanne Ford

QUILT BLOCK MADE FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE EVENT

The Wenatchee Brethren Baptist Church quilters made and submitted a quilt block representing our church for the Association for the Arts in the Church of the Brethren. Our quilt block will be used, along with blocks from other Brethren congregations, to construct quilts and wall hangings at the 2022 Annual Conference. The quilts and wall hangings will be auctioned to raise money for hunger projects.



CLEANING HOUSE!

As the sale of the church progresses, many of us have been sorting and tossing & deciding what is to be kept for future needs. To that end, we are gathering things that are not considered needed and these items will eventually to various donation sites. A group of Trinity girls are planning a yard sale on the front lawn of the church June 11. Many of our discards will make their first stop there. However, if you think you need a copy or two of old hymnals or maybe a silk flower arrangement, candle holders or possibly Bible study books from our library, now is the time to speak up. There's even furniture. Much of it is in the Fellowship Hall. Talk to Mary Carter Pringer, Leanne Ford, or Merry Roy by May 15.



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GOD'S CREATION

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Good News! Dolco accepts Polystyrene #6 Plastics



You can recycle all kinds of #6 plastics —
**styrofoam blocks, foam take-out clamshells,
foam egg cartons, foam cups, etc.**

AND also, believe it or not...little bread bag clips which are made of high impact polystyrene, a #6 plastic. They are recyclable---along with your other #6 plastic materials like **CD cases, #6 clear plastic food containers, #6 clear plastic drinking cups, crystal clear plastic cutlery**, etc. at Dolco Packaging, 1121 South Columbia Street in Wenatchee. Dolco recycles what they can locally and ships the rest to be recycled by their Portland-area partner for free as a service to our community. Put the styrofoam items in the small recycling shed on the corner of South Columbia St. and Ferry St., sometimes hidden by those huge truck trailers. Put the bread tags/bread clips and the #6 clear plastic items listed above and CD cases in a clear plastic bag and then in the recycling shed.



Somewhat soiled food containers (i.e., greasy take out boxes) are OK, please rinse first.

Put only #6 plastics in the Dolco collection sheds!
DOLCO DOES NOT ACCEPT cardboard or any other type of plastic. By throwing these "contaminants" in the collection sheds, you may eventually discourage DOLCO from offering this important polystyrene (#6) drop-off service to the public.

Creation Care Team

