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Spreading the Word

January 2025

Happy New Year! Sometimes I find a poem says things so much better than plain words.

His Unfailing Presence

Another year I enter
Its history unknown;
Oh, how my feet would tremble
To tread its paths alone!
But I have heard a whisper,
I know I shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."
What will the New Year bring me?
I may not, must not know;
Will it be love and rapture,
Or loneliness and woe?
Hush! Hush! I hear His whisper;
I surely shall be blest;
"My presence shall go with thee,
And I will give thee rest."

--Unknown Author (learnreligions.com)

I look forward to exploring what God is up to in this coming year and how we can all participate in God's Kingdom work. May this be a year of exploration and becoming closer to our Lord Jesus Christ. Perhaps you will read the Bible through or decide to attend a class or join in the work of the Missions committee or wood ministry,,, or ... or... no matter what you are called to we can trust that you will never walk alone.

May 2025 hold many blessings,

~Pastor Inger



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Gordon Davis	02
Suzi Wisler	04
Waneta Simmons	07
Ann Ashton	09
Christine Ottersberg	12
Roger Elliott	17
Christy Ruta	19
Bodhi Thibault	20
Mike Chambers	22
Inger Manchester	26
Zoe Ogilvie	26
Dick Averitt	27
Marie Borgman	31
Nancy Kern	31
Ellen MacColl	31

Inger's Inklings

I turn 60 this month. It's interesting because the older I get, the less age matters to me. But 60? When did that happen? I know many of you are rolling your eyes having a few more years under your belts, or perhaps you are remembering that same feeling when you turned 60 or maybe you are young and the thought of 60 seems far, far away. But 60 truly is a privilege and let me tell you it comes fast. It got me thinking of some of the older characters in the Bible. Were there any old characters or did they all die young? If you google- "old folks in the bible", AI will create an interesting list:

Methuselah According to the Book of Genesis, Methuselah is the longest-lived person in the Bible, dying at the age of 969. (no thank you)

Samuel Samuel's life is recorded in many books of the Bible, and he anointed both Saul and David as kings of Israel. Scholars believe he was almost 60 when he died. - (side note- there's that 60 number!)

Caleb Caleb was sent by Moses as a spy into the Promised Land at the age of 40. At 85, he asked to drive the Anakites from the "hill country". (never too old to work for the Lord)

Psalms 92:14 "They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green".

The Bible also has guidance for how to treat older people, including 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13, which encourages people to respect those who are older and in positions of authority.... and.... there is also the AARP discount!

So here's to staying "fresh and green"

Blessings,
~**Pastor Inger**

"Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come" (Psalm 71:18 NIV) AMEN!



RPC Yard/Bake Sale - Saturday, May 17, 2025
Start saving your stuff to sell at your own table.

STW NEWSLETTER :

JAMIE HEARD

The deadline for submitting articles **electronically** for the **February** newsletter is **Tuesday, January 23.**

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Christian Education



Children's Education -

Our children's Sunday School classes are booming! Bronwyn White meets with our Children and Youth Sunday School teachers once a month in her home for suggestions and support. Bronwyn will also be visiting the children's classes from time to time to observe and offer positive feedback and helpful hints.

Youth Missions -

Missions committee has gifted Christian Education \$500 for middle school missions. This money is to be spent before the end of the year. Dana Ogilvie has purchased supplies to replenish the Presbyterian disaster relief kits.

Beginning in January, the second Sunday of the month is designated for Mission Work. The younger children will pack food bags for the Nelson Food Pantry and the middle schoolers will work on disaster relief kits. Erin Harrison and Stan Scott will jointly work on these mission projects for the middle school.

Children's Food Pantry -

THANK YOU to everyone who donated stuffed animals to the children's food bags. The children voted back in October that they wanted to collect 100 gently loved stuffed animals to place in the holiday food bags. They wanted to make sure the toys were being recycled. We weren't sure that it would be possible to collect enough animals, but thanks to the congregation's help, the children surpassed their goal. On the bag packing Sunday, the children were excited to take turns choosing an animal for each bag. Prayers were offered for the new home and child the stuffed animals was going to. Thank you for helping the children of RPC spread holiday cheer.



"Food For Thought" Adult Sunday School class -

Beginning January 5th, the class will study the Adam Hamilton book, "The Lord's Prayer." We welcome all to join this class. This can be life-changing as you continue to pray the prayer that Jesus taught us. We meet at 9:00 Sunday mornings in the Adult Sunday School class downstairs across from the office. Please join us for this important study.

"Practicing the Way" Adult Sunday School Class -

Our class will be taking a break in January as its facilitator will be away for much of the month. Class will resume on February 2nd, continuing our study of contemporary thoughts on Christian spiritual transformation. Look for the next Spreading the Word for more details about the coming study.

Inger's Wednesday study - 11:30-12:30

Inger will be facilitating a video and discussion series about the Book of James starting January 15 in the library.

Tuesday evening group -

It has been decided that all evening groups, with the exception of Advent and Lent, will meet on TUESDAY evenings. There is interest to continue meeting after the holidays. One option that is being considered is "The Saints" an 8-part series of biographies of well-known saints. This study is by Martin Scorsese. This would consist of a 46 minute film followed by discussion. A potluck dinner will also be included. **STAYED TUNED FOR THE START DATE!**

Mission Committee News

The Missions Committee helped coordinate the Care Bear gift bags for children and provided gifts for residents of Town Creek Nursing Home in Nelson County. Thank you to everyone who shopped or donated funds to provide holiday cheer in our community.

Also a huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Children’s Christmas Party. A lot of planning went into the event and we appreciate all the volunteers who donated their time. A great time was had by everyone and a special shout out to our special guest - Santa (aka Dave Lawson)

At our last meeting, the Mission Committee learned about Welcome Corps that provides support to refugees coming to the United States.

Keep an eye out for more information about possible CEDEPCA Mission trips to Guatemala in 2025. Let Ann Mische, Dana Ogilvie or Bill Iverson know if you are interested in learning more about trips.

The next Missions Committee meeting will be Monday, January 6 at 4 pm in the church library. Everyone is welcome to attend. We will be exploring our work for the next year and finding ways to make a difference in our community and the world.



The Woodchucks Keeping Folks in Nelson County Warm



January 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 8:00 Worship Service 9:00 Adult Sunday School 9:15 Sunday School for Young Parents 10:00 Worship Service Five Cents a Meal Offering	6 10-2 Respite Care 2:30 Personnel Committee Meeting 3:30 Guitar Circle 4:00 Mission Team Meeting	7 9:30 Outreach Ministry Meeting	8 10-2 Respite Care 10:00 Wool and Grace	9 3:00 Worship Committee Meeting 3:30 Rockfish Ringers 4:30 Rockfish Community Children's Choir 5:30 Chancel Choir	10	11
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