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Years ago, I used to make new years resolutions. I'd have a list of them, albeit a short list, in the vain hope that there would be at least one item on the list that I could point to months later and call a success. "This year I'm going to... (fill in the blank)." I'm happy to report that I have given up that habit. The trouble with such lists is the ease with which they cease to be servants and begin to be masters.

While the transition from one year to the next can be a helpful stimulus to goal-setting and growth, there is no reason why the gentle blending on one day into the next cannot serve us equally well. We are time-bound creatures who for better or worse are locked into the present. The future may be a focus for both anticipation and worry, but it is in the present that we live.

That reality sometimes tempts us to try to compress everything that concerns us into this particular present moment. Jesus warned against such foolishness with the reminder that each day has sufficient evil of its own without us trying to pack in next week's share as well.

Max Lucado, in a delightful book called *Traveling Light*, tells a story about Arthur Hays Sulzberger, who was publisher of the New York Times during World War II. Apparently, reading all the news that was fit to print left Sulzberger overwhelmed by the trouble in the world and unable to sleep. But he found a cure for his insomnia in five words penned a century earlier by Cardinal John Henry Newman and preserved in the hymn "Lead, Kindly Light":

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom, lead thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home; lead thou me on.
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.

For Sulzberger those last five words made the difference, and he adopted them as his motto: *one step enough for me*.

It takes some discipline to live that way. If we're honest, we'd have to admit that much of the time, one step is not enough; we want to see the whole route with all of its twists and turns before we commit to the journey. But one step at a time is consistently the way that God leads; he illumines just the next step.

So, my prayer for myself – and for you – as we move into this new year is that day by day, we will be walking so closely with Jesus that one step will always be enough.

Pastor Malcher

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Foster Tukwila Presbyterian Financials

*"Send your resources
out over the seas;
eventually
you will reap
a return."*

Ecclesiastes 11:1 CJB



Income

For November 2018

\$14,076.08

Year to Date

\$159,611.72

Expenses

For November 2018

\$16,728.07

Year to Date

\$165,413.42

January Missions: Doug & Wendy Linscott

On 22 November (American Thanksgiving) we were honoured to attend the first hour of the Grade 6th Ball. This is an annual event at the Howick Pre-paratory School. The student's spend a term and a half learning a waltz, a cha-cha and a jive dance. Then during the first hour they get to perform for their parents.

Then we all leave for 2 hours and everyone gets to relax have some food and dance if they want to. Nik wore my Marvin the Martian tie because all of his ties are too short for him now. He had one friend who looked like he walked out of a steampunk novel and another (above) who came in a kilt. While most of the kids are still at the "ewe, don't want to touch the opposite sex" stage they all seemed to have fun together.

Thanksgiving came a little late this year for the Linscott's. For the last several years our call group, which meets on Thursdays, has celebrated Thanksgiving with us. But the grade 6 dance forced us to reschedule as 2 families had children at the dance. Regardless we all had a wonderful time on the 29th thanking God for the past year.

I love presents I love to give them too. Can you just imagine the Father's eyes as He gives us the gift of eternal life and we accept that gift and understand the implications and so become so overjoyed. I can also imagine His disappointment when we don't receive it or even reject it.

Then a friend, who is going through a lot of physical stress and family stress as well, shared how the Lord had shown her the gift of peace, if she would only pick it up and accept it, and put it on as her daily "dress". (John 14:27)



So then what other gifts has the Lord revealed to me.

Nothing as instrumental and life changing as eternal life, but ever so good to remember. 1) His faithfulness, grace, mercy and the Father's love. 2) The Holy Spirit to comfort and guide my family. And I find that the list carries on and on. All I can say is Thank You Father for Your gracious gifts!

So friends, what is the overwhelming gift/gifts that the Lord has shown you this year to be thankful for! We'd love to hear!

Have a Blessed 2019!!

Doug, Wendy & Nik
Linscott



Prayer

- Needing rain
- Our tight finances
- God's guidance for 2019

Praise

- God's grace in giving us such a beautiful world
- Seeing God working in people's lives
- Nik becoming a young man



January 2019 - Easter Tukwila Presbyterian

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 THE LORD'S WATCH	2 7:00 pm: Impact Teams	3 10:00 am: Prayer 12:00 pm: Annual Reports due	4 4:00 pm: BNCCC Youth/ BNCCC Women's Prayer Group	5 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
Epiphany 9:00 am: Generations 10:30 am: Worship COMMUNION 2-4 pm: Bday Open House @ the Brewer's 3:30 pm: MACC	7 7:00 pm: AA 206.419.4822 206.354.7610	8 1:00-3:00 pm: Women's Study 6:00 pm: FTPC Youth	9 12:00 pm: PrayTukwila 6:30 pm: Session	10 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Women's Bible Study	11 4:00 pm: BNCCC Youth/ BNCCC Women's Prayer Group	12 10:00 am: BNCCC Worship
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Youth Retreat, @ Buck Creek: Friday January 18 - Sunday, January 20, 2019						
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February 2019 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

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FTPC Bulletin Board



THE LORD'S WATCH

January 1 & February 5



RETIREES & SENIORS LUNCHEON


Noon, Fridays
January 25 & February 22, 2019

Gone For Lunch

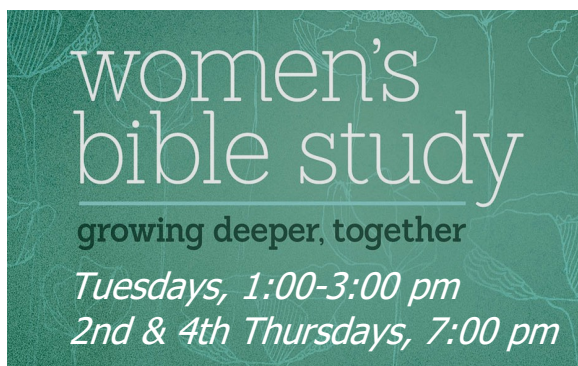


In case of Snow
Call FTPC
206-243-4455
or visit ftpc.org

For information on changes in schedule.



KOBA Circle
11:00 am
January 16 & February 20, 2019



women's bible study

growing deeper, together
Tuesdays, 1:00-3:00 pm
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:00 pm



The Brewers' OPEN HOUSE

2:00-4:00 pm
Sunday, January 13 & Sunday, February 3, 2019



MONTHLY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

3rd Saturday - 8:00 am



IMPACT TEAMS

7:00 pm
Wednesday, January 2 & Wednesday, February 6, 2019
Share in the ministry of FTPC



SANCTITY OF
HUMAN LIFE
SUNDAY
JANUARY 20, 2019



WINTER RETREAT

Youth Retreat - Friday, January 11 - Sunday, January 13, 2019



POTLUCK

Sunday, January 20 & Sunday, February 17, 2019
Bring a dish to share!



Wednesday, January 9 & February 6, 2019
PrayTukwila
@ Friendz Café





February Missions: Genesis Project

The Genesis Project is a Seattle-based collection of local staff, volunteers, law enforcement officers, state legislators, churches, community groups, and international partner organizations. Together, we Rescue, Restore, and Release girls. **As of December 2018, 277 individual women and girls have received help at The Genesis Project.**

OUR SERVICES:

Rescue: Girls come by referrals from survivors or from partnerships with local police and the FBI Child Exploitation Task Force. Women arrive at our center to have their basic needs met. This includes shelter, food, hygiene, clothing, and a safe place to rest.

Restoration: Education & Rehabilitation: Providing counseling, job and life skills classes, paid internship opportunities, transportation to medical appointments and court, legal counsel, and access to educational programs such as GED completion.

Release: Referral to safe housing: Currently, The Genesis Project refers clients to safe houses and residential programs through partnering organizations. We ensure that a woman is able to get to the safe house (often providing transportation) and walk with her every step of the way to ensure her success.

OUR STORY:

Patrolling the streets of South Seattle in the late night hours in 2005, Andy Conner was becoming very discouraged over all the young girls walking the streets. Over the course of a couple weeks, he had arrested the same two girls at least a dozen times. He reached the point where he got fed up with them, and asked them, "Why do I have to keep arresting you? Why are you still out here?"

The first one responded in a way that he wasn't expecting. She said, "I don't want to be here. Will you help me get out of this life?"

He was silent for a few moments. He never had a girl ask him that before. He had no answer. There was truly nothing he could do, and that was the night the crushing weight of it all finally hit him. As a police officer, not only is he to enforce the law, he also needs to help people.

About a month later, Andy met a young girl, just 17 years old, who confirmed what he'd been feeling – he had to do something to help these girls. He met her on one of his night shifts. She didn't care if he took her to jail. She showed no emotion and appeared to have no life within her. He told her he knew what she was doing, but he wasn't interested in taking her to jail. He wanted to hear her story.

It cut Andy to the core. This 17-year old girl told him her own drug-dealing father took her out of school in the fifth

grade and pimped her out to his friends and customers when she was twelve. After a couple years, he eventually went to prison for drug charges and she was left on the streets, bouncing from pimp to pimp. Andy saw no hope in her eyes at all, and was shocked that a father could do that to his little girl. She was in survival mode, and at that moment there was nothing he could do to help her. It was as if she was in a pit, reaching for him. There was nothing he could say or do to relieve her pain or give her hope.

Andy began doing extensive research to find out what kinds of city services, charities, churches, or non-profit programs might be able to do to help. There needed to be a third option besides jail and youth centers. He discovered there was not a single comprehensive recovery program in existence for young women caught up in sex trafficking or prostitution in the Seattle and Washington area.

In the summer of 2009, Andy connected with members of a local non-profit called The Corridor. They asked him the greatest need in the area and, of course, he told them about the girls he contacted on a daily basis. He told them of his idea to start a center to help these girls get out of their lives trapped in slavery. They agreed to help and joined forces with Andy for the next two years. The Genesis Project is now a brick-and-mortar reality since August of

2011.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS:

"No little girl wakes up one day and decides she wants to be exploited and abused."

"I am ready to make a change."

"You helped me reclaim my life."

"I didn't think I would make it here. I'm so glad I'm here."

"This is my safe place."

"This is where I'm supposed to be. I can feel it."

"GP has helped me get a grasp my life. Safety, family, faith, legal issues, housing, employment, all of it. You have helped me reclaim my life, and reclaim myself. I should be dead. So many girls I know have died out there on the streets, in "the life". Thanks to you all, I have a second chance!"

"I now know how deeply I am loved."

You can find out more about **The Genesis Project** online at genesisnow.org. Prayerfully consider how the Lord might be calling you to become involved. Donate online at genesisnow.org/ways-to-give.



Seek God for the City - March 6 to April 14, 2018

Once again this year we will be using this excellent prayer guide to lift up our city during the 40 Days of Lent. Please join us in seeking God for Tukwila. Prayer guides will be available in the Narthex beginning **Sunday, February 24, 2018**, or you can download it at your iPhone or Android app store.

Seek God for the City 2019

Daily Topic of Hope:

Each day helps you focus on a single topic of hope arising from scripture.

Promise from the Prophets:

An Old Testament passage, with a freshly-worded prayer, helping you pray with passion and purpose.

Ways to Pray for Everyone:

Day by day, focus on the different groups of people which comprise any community, such as orphans, police, pastors, gangs, military, university students, business people, the homeless, elderly people and many more. Practical menus and pertinent scriptures help you pray with insight.

Prayerwalking Ideas:

A practical idea for the many different needs, places and people of your community. A simple way to take steps toward a prayed-for city.

Pray for the World:

Another continent each week. Each day lists a few countries. At the end of forty days, you'll have mentioned every country.

SEEK GOD

...for the light of the gospel to shine



Day 18

SATURDAY
MARCH 23

The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. Those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them.

— Isaiah 9:2

We have known the anguish of living in the darkness of our hearts, stumbling over our fears, as if it were always night. Lord of light, we plead for our friends who seem to shuffle along through their days, groping with uncertainty, as if they were blind. They have every good intention, but they cannot find their way. There is no switch we can flip. There is no candle we can light. We ask You to lift the veil of darkness. Bring light from heaven upon them, as You did for us. Shine like the sun upon their hearts so that they follow You with joy.

Because of the tender mercy of our God, with which the Sunrise from on high will visit us, to shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death.

— Luke 1:78-79

You have promised to come like the dawn, slow and steady, eventually brightening all things. Lord Jesus, in the days of Your coming thousands of years ago, You came like the promised sunrise, bestowing life-giving light on those held captive in darkness. In the light of Your word many began to see and recognize God's mercy. And they began to seek You eagerly. We ask You now for such an outpouring of Your light. Come upon the people of our community, surprising them with a different kind of dawn — coming not from the east, but instead, coming from above — revealing the tender power of Your love. *Pray:*

- For Christ's light to shine into the darkened hearts of people you know.
- For God to reveal His mercy to many.

Weekly Themes of Hope:

Each day's promise builds toward a weekly theme. It's all about seeking God...



...to renew Christ's **LIFE** among His people



...to bring the **LIGHT** of the gospel



...to reveal Christ's **GLORY** to all peoples



...to establish **RIGHTEOUSNESS** in our communities



...to bring His **PEACE** in relationships



...to welcome the **VISITATION** of Christ

Hope in Christ:

A word and a prayer from the Gospels lifts your vision to Christ's life transforming your community. Newly-selected passages and prayers in this edition.

Seek God on behalf of Mothers

That God will powerfully refresh mothers in the honor and glory of motherhood; that they will be strengthened with grace, wisdom and love in serving their children; that they will be loved, protected and served by committed husbands; that mothers will model and express God's own nurturing love.

PRAYERWALK: Walk through your neighborhood, praying for mothers and grandmothers.

She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom... Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.

— Proverbs 31:25-26, 28 (NIV)

Seek God on behalf of Asia and the Pacific

Sri Lanka, Thailand, Tibet, Timor Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Vietnam, Wallis and Futuna



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