

Foster-Tukwila Focus

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Entering into the months of September and October, FTPC continues to welcome other congregations in ministry partnership with us.

As you likely have heard, we are strengthening the ties with one of our long term Ministry Partners, Grace Point Community Church. Over twenty years ago, Pastor Kent Murahashi of Grace Point and Pastor Nick Krantz of Foster Tukwila Presbyterian Church met and prayed over what the Lord was doing in themselves, their congregations, this city, and this region. And the Lord continued to nurture this relationship over time. When I came into FTPC and began to preach, Pastor Kent would meet with me and have similar conversations as he sought to pass on the gift of mentorship and relationship that Pastor Nick had given him.

And we have seen fruits of our church's relationship grow and swell. FTPC has been privileged to serve in ministry with Grace Point for years in a variety of circumstances including Snack Pack, Trunk O' Treat, PrayTukwila and the Easter Egg Hunt. Furthermore, I know that coming together in regular prayer, as well as times of consultation with members of FTPC and occasionally the FTPC Youth Team have been highly beneficial for the work of ministry that we have been called to.

For all of these reasons, and many more, when Grace Point began looking and praying for a new meeting location on Sundays, it was a natural bridge to consider if FTPC might be able to serve as that physical location.

Psalm 34 opens with a call to continuous praise the Lord.

- ¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- ² My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
- ³ O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

¹ And this is the responsibility that we have been given as stewards of the Lord's facility. Just as we are to bless the Lord at all times, so we might rightfully desire his house to be filled with praise and prayer at all times. We seek to magnify the Lord, to reflect glory to him as much as we are able. And in this resolution, it is appropriate and a step forward in making Christ's name known to invite other congregations to worship the Lord in our location.



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*"Let us fear the LORD our God,
who gives the rain in its season,
the autumn rain and the spring
rain, and keeps for us the weeks
appointed for the harvest."*

Jeremiah 5:24

Income	Expenses	Net
<u>For July 2023</u>	<u>For July 2023</u>	<u>For July 2023</u>
\$16,645.00	\$17,262.56	-\$617.56
<u>Through July 2023</u>	<u>Through July 2023</u>	<u>Through July 2023</u>
\$109,592.41	\$106,790.84	\$2,801.57

FTPC Missions: ECO Presbytery of the NW



The ECO Presbytery of the Northwest is comprised of delegates and pastors from 31 congregations in the states of Washington and Oregon. Elder Ed Hougardy shared about the spring meeting with the congregation on Sunday, May 7, 2023.

ECO Northwest Presbytery held their Spring two-day gathering April on 28-29 at Tacoma Central Presbyterian Church. There was only one item on the agenda for Presbytery business: the election of a Vice Moderator. Rev. Jim Deal, from Faith Presbyterian Church of East Wenatchee, was elected.

The ECO Presbytery of the Northwest is doing well financially. A church plant has closed recently, which has made funds available for other endeavors. ECO is encouraging congregations to start requesting assistance for events such as attending national conventions.

I was amazed that I took two and a half pages of notes during Moderator Jesse Skiffington's report; and Pastor Aaron said that's because the Reverend didn't give a report, he gave a sermon. I guess that's what happens when you have a room full of pastors. We had some great teaching throughout the Presbytery meeting, including the following:

What can you say about a single Lego block? It's small item, and can be a hazard if it's on the floor. The interesting thing about a Lego is it was not made to be by itself. It was created to be a part of community, to be with other Legos to build things. This Lego is basically useless by itself, yet in community with other Legos it is used to create things. Legos are not necessarily the same shape or color; they're different. Some might have fancy windshields; some might have wheels. That's the great thing about Legos: they're all not created the same.



In the Church community we're not all the same; we all have different roles. I started thinking about how our congregation is a great example of this teaching. We have people who volunteer to be prayer partners, we have people who really love working with the kids, we have people who serve on potluck Sunday – I would be hard-pressed to find somebody not involved in some way in our church and that is what is exciting about the community of believers.

Rev. Skiffington's message set the tone for the rest of the weekend. I was so encouraged by this – that we are a community of churches, a community of believers. What a positive thing! If you feel like an individual Lego; kind of by itself, not attached to anything, just talk to one of our members, and ask what you could do here in our church community. You don't need to just sit and be the Lego on the floor that gets stepped on. You can be a part of the full life of the congregation at FTPC.

During the rest of the weekend we had wonderful times of teaching on the different types of churches by Jim Singleton of Gordon-Conwell Seminary, inspiring worship led by the Tacoma Central Presbyterian Church worship team, and an awesome dinner of traditional Korean dishes provided by our host church.

The closing session of Presbytery ended in a time of prayer. How exciting it is that our church is a member of the ECO denomination! It's a very positive and wonderful thing. The Holy Spirit is there, and they are preparing and training spiritual leaders to serve the church community.

The fall meeting of the ECO Presbytery of the Northwest will be Friday, October 6 to Saturday, October 7, 2023 at the West Side Church in Richland, WA. Pray for the pastors and delegates who will be attending, that they may continue making righteous decisions for the presbytery and that they will be blessed by the fellowship and unity of the Church.

For more information on **A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO)**, including its tenets, constitution, church resources, and information on the National Gathering, visit <https://eco-pres.org/>.



September 2023 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 10:00 am: FTPC Nepali Worship 1-2 pm: Ridge Cliff Apt Outreach
3 10:30 am: Worship/ Junior Church COMMUNION 12:30 pm: Discipleship 5 pm: Ewnet Absari	4 5 pm: Ewnet Absari Prayer Meeting	<i>First Day of School</i> 5 4:30 pm: Bible Recap	6 1 pm: PrayTukwila 5:30 pm: CE IT	7 10 am: Prayer 7 pm: Young Adult Bible Study	8	9 10:00 am: FTPC Nepali Worship
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October is Clergy Appreciation Month



IMPACT TEAMS!

CE IT - 5:30 pm: Sept 6, 2023

Missions IT

5 pm: Sept 21 & Oct 19, 2023

Worship IT - Last Wednesday

7 pm: Sept 27 & Oct 25, 2023



1st Wednesday, 1 pm

Sept 6 & Oct 4 @ SCBC

September-October 2023

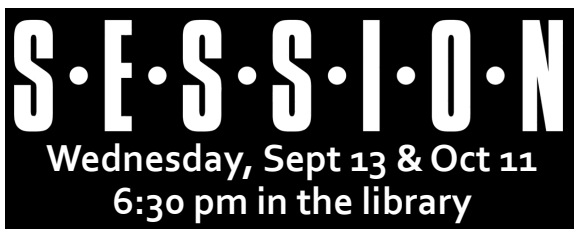


Women's Bible Study

Every other Wednesday, 1:30-3:30 pm, beginning September 13, 2023



Thursdays at 10 am prayer



Deacons

Sunday
September 10 &
October 8, 2023
1:30 pm

Grace Point Community Church Moves to FTPC

Our flurry of neighborhood outreach, and preparation for the transition from our campus for the past almost 21 years to a new venue, and the forming of new alliances, partnerships, and focus on being a light in our dark community have been both exhilarating – and exhausting.

Starting September 10 we will begin meeting Sundays (12:30 pm – 2:30 pm) on our new campus at Foster Tukwila Presbyterian Church. Our Good News Club will resume Thursdays on



September 14 at FTPC, and our Lighthouse youth will join FTPC youth on Tuesdays, beginning September 12.

On September 17, we will have a Grand Re-Opening beginning with a joint potluck with FTPC! Join us to thank God for what He has done, and what He yet has for us. Together we will work to see His Kingdom come in Tukwila.

Pastors Kent Murahashi and Maggie Navarro
Grace Point Community Church



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In September, we will have four congregations meeting at the FTPC building:

Foster Tukwila Presbyterian Church - Most of you reading are familiar with our church (which is why you are getting this newsletter)! It is incredible to be exploring what it looks like for us to reach our community for Jesus through individual ministries as well as through direct outreach times.

Ewenet Absari Evangelical Church - A growing congregation led by Pastor Tilahun Kasa, this church has been meeting at our facility for the last year. It is a gracious church that has been a pleasure to share space with. They meet from 5 PM until 9 PM on Sunday and Monday Evenings.

Salvation New Life Church - This congregation is effectively a church plant that has sprung from God's Worship Christian Church (BNCC). In this past year, the pastor of God's Worship Church, along with many of the members moved and the church in Washington is in the process of reforming under the leadership of Elder Harka. We are excited to see how God will grow this church plant as they continue to meet on Saturdays from 10 AM until 12 PM.

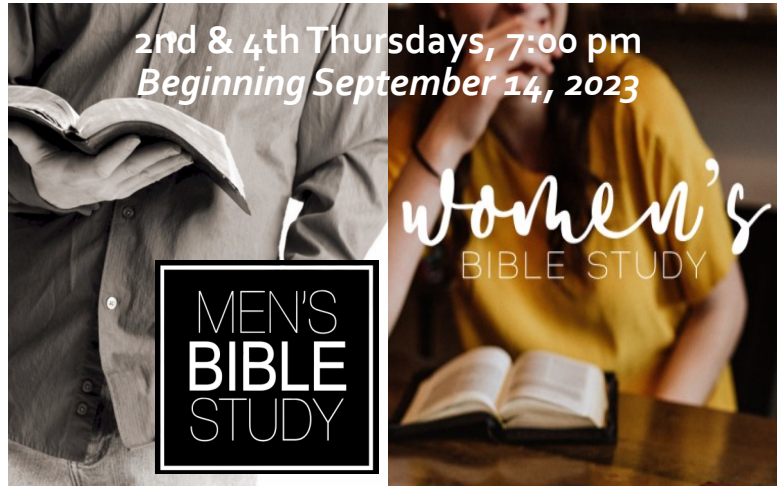
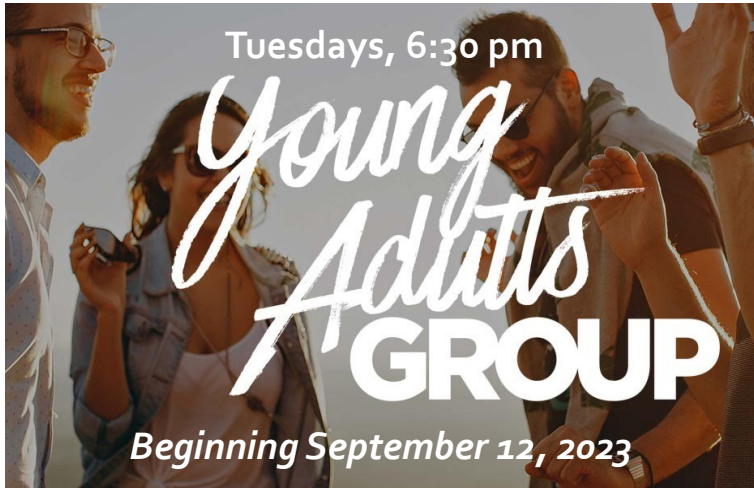
Grace Point Community Church - This congregation has been working for decades *"To be a place where unchurched families from all cultures join together to exalt God, and be equipped and empowered to impact the community and the world for Christ."* Before every service, they hold a meal, which starting on September 17th, you are invited to join! They will begin eating at 12:30 PM, and the service will end at approximately 3 PM.

As a church, I invite us to continue in prayer that the Lord might make the transition for all of these churches smooth and easy. **Grace Point** is moving a ministry that has been rooted for decades, and we pray earnestly that no sheep are lost or wander in the move. **Salvation New Life** is still in the re-forming stage, and we pray that they will be knit together as one body. **Ewenet Absari** is continuing to meet and pray with one another, and FTPC continues to seek to glorify the Lord in all that we do. God is so good, and it is a pleasure to be able to join in making the praise of the Lord continuous in His building.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,

Pastor Aaron

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October Missions: Trunk o' Treats

Each year hundreds of children from our community come to our annual Trunk o' Treats, held each year from 6-8 pm on October 31.

In recent years both Grace Point Community and South-center Community Baptist have joined us in providing a safe event for city. Young parents who came as children themselves are now bringing their own kids to enjoy the fun.

There is always need for volunteers to provide cars, prepare and serve popcorn, be part of the worship team, do candy runs, and take pictures. Last year we added a photo booth which was wildly successful. It gave us a chance to follow up with attendees by email and provide links to our website and FB page.

Mark your calendar this year for Tuesday, October 31, 2023, and plan on participating in this outreach to our community. More information regarding sign ups will be in the Sunday bulletin.





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Trunk *or* Treat



**POPCORN!
PHOTO
BOOTH!!**

SAFE HOLIDAY FUN!

MUSIC!

OCTOBER 31, 6:00-8:00 PM

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