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In Between the Lines

“Greet Prisca and Aquila, and the household of Onesiphorus. Erastus remained in Corinth; Trophimus I left ill in Miletus. Do our best to come before winter. Eubulus sends greetings to you, as do Pudens and Linus and Claudia and all the brothers and sisters. The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with you.”

2 Timothy 4:22. N.R.S.V.

St. Paul the Apostle closed his letter to Timothy with this greeting and benediction. What a powerful statement about the nature of the Church then. Notice how many people are named and Paul's awareness of their conditions. Relationships mattered to church leaders even then.

I see that some were ill and others were left behind. The Church situation was not perfect and neither was it impersonal or disconnected. There is a balance in Paul's tone between urgency of the situation and confidence that the future was in the hands of Christ. The constant thread throughout this greeting is the personal relationship the apostle had with the whole Church.

Did you also notice that the Church is on the move? Paul is one place on the way to another and several people mentioned are in other places also. God's place is dynamic, people are on the move. There is a sense about this being normal. Perhaps this led to the teaching about moving with God wherever God sends us.

Paul greets the Church in all its places and conditions. He blesses the people and their situations. The whole Church is blest even in its separateness, and it was a blessing to others. It was brought together in the naming of the relationships and the blessing of those relationships. I am really humbled by this vulnerable and powerful picture of the Church.

We are such a collection of relationships and blessings. Our vulnerability to each other

and to God has led us to the most meaningful relationships we have ever had. The relationships we make and continue making have become the connection we have with God. It is a blessing to take these relationships with us.

Steel Lake is heading to its final Sunday in its building on June 4th, 10 a.m.. We will celebrate Jeffrey Larkin's service with us as our music leader and we will celebrate our ministry on this campus. I urge you to get the word out to our vast alumnae. They would love to attend and they need your personal invitation. The day will include a closing ceremony by the Presbytery and a delicious reception in Starkey Friendship Center.

The next week, June 11, we will begin worship at our temporary worship site at Calvary Lutheran Church, 2415 South 320th Street, Federal Way, WA 98003.

See you there!
Pastor Will



Prayer for All Women,

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The Center for Innovative Ministry

Inspiring Solutions

McCormick Theological Seminary and the Center for Innovative Ministry are pleased to announce the winning entries of the **2017 McCormick Prize for Innovation**. The Annual Prize recognizes “impactful use of innovation in ministry,” and this year will award \$7,000 in prizes to the winners.

“The quality of this year’s entries was very strong,” said Center for Innovative Ministry Director Dr. Thomas Dickelman. “We received entries from throughout the country reflecting a wide range of ministries. In most cases, the innovations began with a single idea that ultimately had multiple impacts. Choosing three winners from among all the

outstanding entries was a sizeable challenge.”

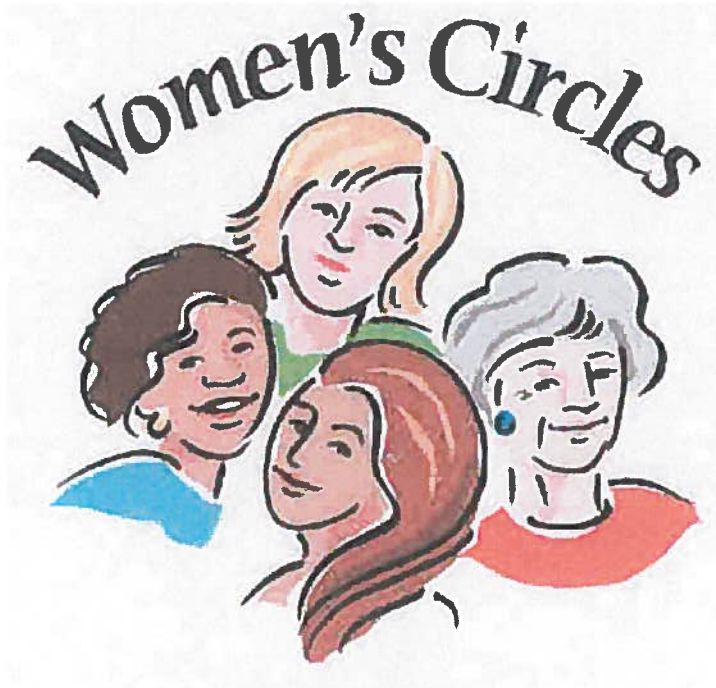
The First Prize of \$5,000 is awarded to **St. Mark Lutheran Church** in Lacey, Washington, led by Pastors Eric and Beth Utto-Galarneau. In 2016, the North Thurston Public Schools had nearly 800 homeless children, with at least one homeless child in virtually every classroom. When the church went to the schools to see how they could help, they were told the greatest need beside housing was clean clothes. Students with dirty clothes were bullied, embarrassed, suffered from low self-esteem, and don't want to go to school. The St. Mark innovation was creating a free laundry facility by converting a Sunday School classroom in their church for local homeless families. The laundry also includes a food pantry, and during harvest, guests receive fresh produce from the church's organic garden. Additionally, St. Mark is actively working to address the larger issue – housing – with plans to build 5 tiny houses on church property for unaccompanied, homeless female teens. “We applaud Co-Pastors Pastors Eric and Beth Utto-Galarneau for their dynamic leadership, and the creative use of church resources to positively impact homeless children,” offered Dickelman.

The Second Prize of \$1,500 goes to **Steel Lake Presbyterian Church** in Federal Way, Washington where Rev. Dr. Will Mason is the minister. “Steel Lake is an example of how innovation is ultimately about solving problems and creating opportunities,” Dickelman said. The leaders of the church did a thoughtful assessment of their congregation and community, and felt called to dramatically change their ministry from an inward to an outward focus. They made multiple courageous decisions, including right-sizing by selling their campus and targeting ministry to the rapidly-growing local senior segment by partnering with numerous care facilities in their community.

The Third Prize winner of \$500 goes to **Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church** in Chicago, Illinois. After many years of declining membership and community impact, in 2016 the church adopted “The Compassion Project” as its future vision. “Lincoln Park led by the Rev. Dr. Beth Brown is yet another example of a church that focuses on serving others outside its doors, and in the process, comes alive itself,” Dickelman offered. “The range of innovative programs they are developing is significant, from creating a way to engage people of all faiths and no faith in addressing some of the critical justice issues of our time, to developing a mechanism to generate ongoing income.”

Two additional ministries were recognized, receiving Honorable Mention. **ROC SALT Center** (Rev. Dr. John Wilkinson) is a collaborative ministry that serves people in a high-poverty Rochester, New York neighborhood and invites mission groups to be transformed spiritually as they serve in the community. **The Joyful Feast** (Rev. Dr. John Vest) in Richmond, Virginia uses meals to allow people to reconnect with each other, with the natural world, and with the divine. Both ROC SALT and The Joyful Feast are relatively new, innovative ministries, and show great promise to have powerful impact in their communities.

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**Ruth Circle on May 3rd at 12pm at
Billie Paddock residence:**

Jean Dody will review Lesson #8. Lou Olmstead will lead Moments for Missions and Billie Paddock will host the meeting. If you are interested in joining the circle, contact Jean Dody at (253) 941-3278.

**Esther-Rachel Circle on May 16th at
12pm at Gladys Johnson residence:**

Val Hinish will lead Lesson #7 based on Psalms 73-78, and Donna Glasoe will give a Mission Yearbook report. All members are requested to bring their own sandwich while beverages and dessert will be provided by our hostess. New participants are always welcome and are encouraged to join. Contact Gladys at (253) 332-2926 for more information.



Catholic Community Services is seeking volunteers who are interested in serving alongside individuals who visit the Federal Way Day Center. Volunteers would be involved in monitoring the laundry machines and use of the showers. Volunteers would also be present in the kitchen area to assist as needed and a general warm and welcoming presence to all who enter. All volunteers would be under the direct supervision of CCS staff and receive orientation and ongoing training.

An application and background check are required. The hours of the Federal Way Day Center will be Monday-Friday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. If you have any questions or are interested in serving, please contact...

Sue Drake: cell: (253) 740-9630 or
email: sdrake531@comcast.net

Whonakee King: Program Manager, Federal Way Day Center, Catholic Community Services: cell: (206) 549-4048 or email: whonakeek@ccsww.org



Federal Way Food Bank (MSC) is in need of volunteers.

We are looking for a few dedicated volunteers.

Can you.....

Help register existing customers & new customers?

Have computer skills to help with check-in?

Drive a van?

Help load the van with donated food?

Sort and hang clothing?

Sort and bag food donations?

Come join our great team of volunteers.

Interested?

Call Terri Turner at the Federal Way Food Bank (MSC)

253-838-6810

territ@mschelps.org

*calendar of
events*



May Schedule of Events

Monday, May 1:

Birthday Bunch- 11:30 a.m., location varies

Tuesday, May 2:

*Alzheimer's Support Group (final meeting at SLPC)-
6:30 p.m., Pacific Room*

Bell Choir Rehearsal- 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Church Choir Rehearsal- 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 3:

Ruth Circle- 12:00 p.m., Billie Paddock residence

Thursday, May 4:

Lectionary Bible Study- 1:00 p.m., Lakeside Room

Sunday, May 7:

Worship service being led by Colleen Chinen

*Coffee Fellowship – After worship, Starkey Friendship
Center*

*Madrona Park Worship - 2:00 p.m., Madrona Park in
FW*

Tuesday, May 9:

Local Pastors Lunch- 12:00 p.m., location varies

Worship Committee- 3:00 p.m., Lakeside Room

Bell Choir Rehearsal- 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

VFW Meets- 7:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Church Choir Rehearsal- 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 10:

ROMEOs Lunch- 12:00 p.m., Black Bear Diner

Stewardship Committee- 3:00 p.m., Lakeside Room

Thursday, May 11:

Lectionary Bible Study- 1:00 p.m., Lakeside Room

Sunday, May 14:

Mother's Day

Foundation House Worship & Communion – 2:00

p.m., Foundation House in FW

Tuesday, May 16:

Esther- Rachel Circle- 12:00 p.m., Gladys Johnson residence

Bell Choir Rehearsal- 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Church Choir Rehearsal- 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday, May 18:

Lectionary Bible Study- 1:00 p.m., Lakeside Room

Sunday, May 21:

Coffee Fellowship- After worship, Starkey Friendship Center

Tuesday, May 23:

Bell Choir Rehearsal- 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Church Choir Rehearsal- 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Thursday, May 25:

Lectionary Bible Study- 1:00 p.m., Lakeside Room

Sunday, May 28:

Session Meeting- After worship, Lakeside Room

Foundation House Worship- 2:00 p.m., Foundation House in FW

Monday May 29:

Memorial Day- SLPC Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30:

Bell Choir Rehearsal- 6:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Church Choir Rehearsal- 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

****Every Sunday:**

Worship Service- 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

City of Glory Worship- 3:00 p.m., City of Glory Worship Center

****Every Monday:**

Community Supper- 4:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall

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