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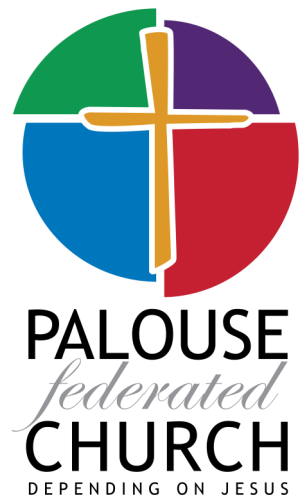
Sermon Schedule

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Grateful

Tim Sievers

One day in early September, Tracy Lee and I went shopping. As we worked through the aisles of one of my favorite stores checking items off our list, I lifted my eyes and stopped in my tracks as not just one, but several aisles of Christmas came into view. That's right...it was September, but there in front of me were Christmas trees, wrapping paper, lights, and Christmas gifts. Just a few days later at another store it was the same story - Christmas, Christmas everywhere.



Don't get me wrong, I love Christmas. I love the trees and the lights and gifts. But there's a lot of living between September and Christmas and life moves along fast enough without rushing into December. In fact, one of my favorite holidays of the year is Thanksgiving - still nearly three months in the future as I first walked past those Christmas aisles. Unfortunately, more and more, I feel this important holiday of Thanksgiving, this pause in the calendar, is pushed aside or forgotten as people eagerly transition between the more commercial holidays of Halloween and Christmas.

I suppose Thanksgiving gets pushed aside because retailers haven't figured out a way to make a buck off of giving thanks. Thanksgiving used to be a day set aside for family and most retail stores were closed for the day. But those traditions have fallen to the wayside as retailers work harder than ever to finally make it out of the red and into the black for the year. Stores, once closed for the entire day, now only pause for a few hours, or stay open all day long as consumers spend the day reading the circulars and making plans to satisfy our seemingly unquenchable hunger for more.

It's rather ironic, and not just a little disheartening, that the day set aside for giving thanks has become a launching pad into this season of consumerism.

"I sure didn't feel like giving thanks in those difficult days...finally I yielded...and I'm so glad I did!"

Around this same time of year, back in 2015, I was challenged, in the midst of a difficult time in my life to be more thankful. In the midst of great loss, and deep hurt, Jesus kept bringing to mind the words of 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "give thanks in all circumstances." I sure didn't feel like giving thanks in those difficult days. But as the words

kept coming to me, my heart softened, and finally I yielded...and I'm so glad I did! Giving thanks was difficult at first. The truth is, I'm not very good at being grateful. Maybe you feel that way too. But, as I prayed for God's help, I found myself transformed. I began to see that I did in fact have much to be thankful for. After we had sold our home, we had no place to live in our time of transition between jobs, but God provided a friend's vacation rental - for free. Though we had few resources for food, we never went hungry, as friends invited us into their homes, took us out to dinner or shared some of their financial resources to help us out. Deeply wounded, we found space to heal and a loving welcome in the body of Christ as we began to worship in a new church.

The more I gave thanks, the easier it came.

As life changed and we transitioned to the new place God had called us, we began to carry new stresses and burdens -

nothing bad really - just the challenges of life and change - finding a place and fitting in. It's easy, I've found, when things get difficult, to slip back into our old ways of being ungrateful, and that's where I found myself.

However, with those words from 1 Thessalonians still ringing in my ears, I set myself a challenge in the fall of 2016 to spend thirty days in thanks...and I invited you all to join me on the journey as we started our first Thankfulness Campaign at Palouse Federated Church. We created the 10,000 Reasons Wall as a place for our community to give thanks and collected hundreds of ways we are thankful. Together we sent more than 800 thank you notes to friends and family near and far. I wrote 30 thank you notes that month - actually more than 30. Why? Because I found that when I started giving thanks, it was hard to stop. There were so many people who had supported me and my family in the last year, so many blessings from God for which to be thankful.

"The more I gave thanks, the easier it came."

It's been three years since that first Thankfulness Campaign and much has changed. We've made friends and lost friends. We've welcomed babies into our lives and said goodbye to too many of our friends and family that have passed away. Our community has been ravaged by the effects of mental illness and suicide. We've stood side by side with many who have received difficult medical diagnoses. We've battled for hope and love in the midst of despair and hatred in our nation and in the world. Even in the midst of these joys and sorrows we are called still to be grateful.

As the month of November unfolds, I invite you once again to be thankful. We will start the month with gratitude on Nov. 3 at 5 PM as we gather at the Harvest of Community Dinner to celebrate and give thanks for the work and the workers at the Palouse Food Pantry. Near the end of the month we'll gather on Nov. 27 at 6:30 PM for our annual Community Thanksgiving Service where we will anchor our hearts in gratitude for the coming days and months. Throughout the month, I invite you to make use of the 10,000 Reasons Wall - it's ready and waiting for your contributions. And yet again, we have loads of thank you notes available for you to use.

My prayer for you this month is that together we might yield to the command to give thanks in all circumstances and allow the spirit of gratitude to transform our hearts from bitterness and despair to love and hope so that our lives might bear witness to God's light and love for all. Let's be grateful!

Thanksgiving Events

Nov. 03 @ 5 PM
Harvest of Community Dinner

Nov. 27 @ 6:30 PM
Community Thanksgiving Service

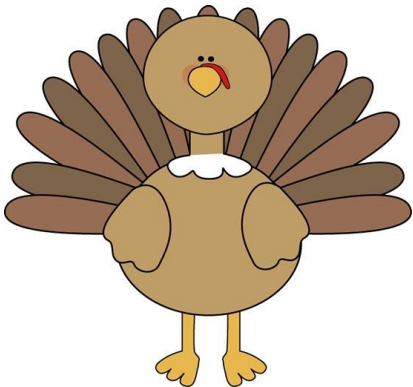
Nov. 28 @ 12:30 PM
Community Thanksgiving Dinner

2019 Turkey Leg Fundraiser for Palouse Library

Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 28 @ 7:45 AM

Roy Chatters Museum
Hot cocoa, cider, coffee and
donuts.

All donations support youth
programs and the purchase of
children's, juvenile and young
adult books.



Honoring the Palouse Food Pantry

Nov. 3 @ 5 PM
Palouse Federated Church
635 N. Bridge St. | Palouse, WA
FREE

Weakness

Tina Laughary



I don't know about you, but I hate my weaknesses. We all have areas of weakness. I know I have faults (we'll call those opportunities for growth) of which I am not even aware, but these are not the weaknesses I'm talking about today. No, the kind of weaknesses I find most nauseating are the ones I am well aware of, the ones no one must point out to me - the tendencies I have that I know I have but I really wish I didn't have. Boy do I ever relate to the words of the Apostle Paul in his letter to the Romans,

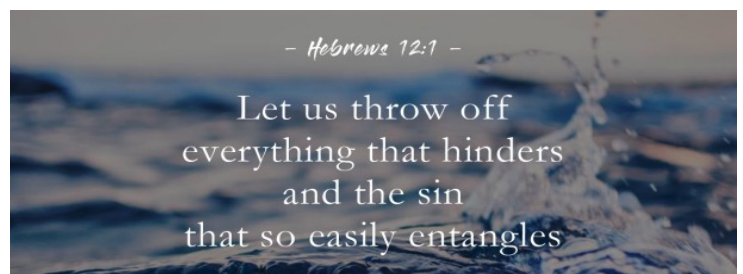
¹⁵ I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶ And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸ For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.” Romans 7:15-20

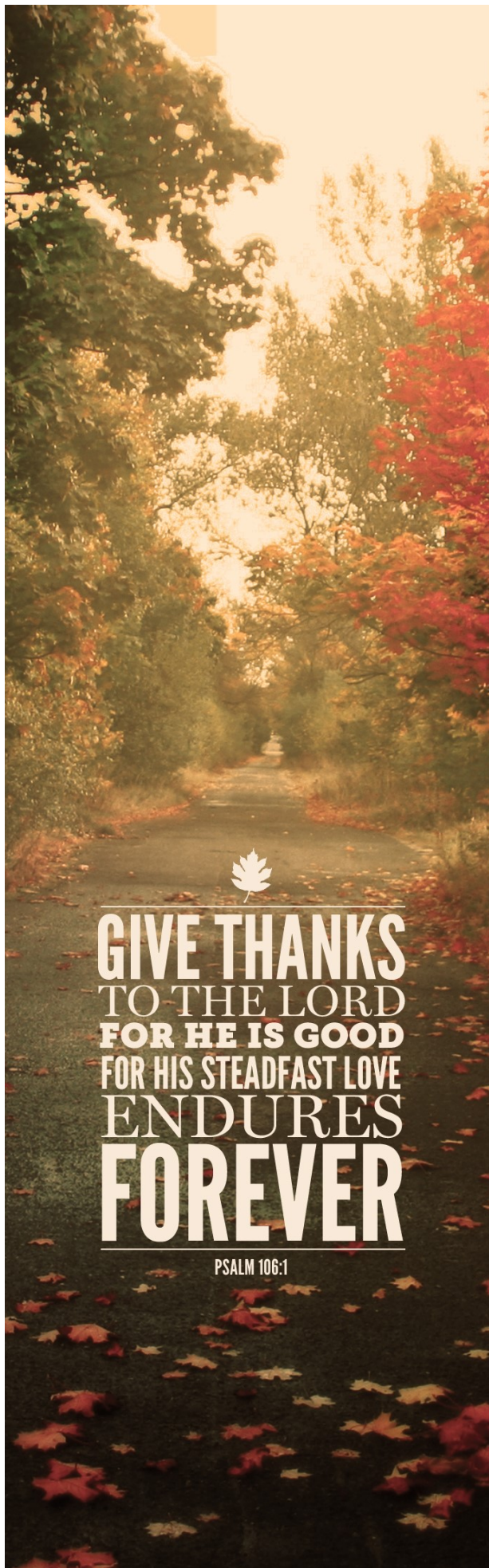
“Each day I long to love God more and more and grow even more contempt for the sin that longs to separate me from my God.”

I know the blood of Christ has saved me from the punishment I am due. I rejoice over the forgiveness I do not deserve. However, my love for Christ and my desire to live like Him convicts me of the areas I still need to change, the behaviors I have not overcome. When these temptations come knocking I give in. My spirit is willing, but my flesh is weak. Like the apostle Paul, I blame my sinful nature. I was sinful when I entered this world and I will be sinful when I make my exit. If sin is an inevitable struggle, should we just give up? Certainly not!

Some time ago I read a book (I honestly cannot remember which one) but there was line from it that really stuck with me. The author claimed, “My biggest fear is that 10 years from now I will be exactly as I am now.” I really resonate with that fear. I do not want to give up on the struggle for righteousness. I am thankful that I hate my weaknesses. Each day I long to love God more and more and grow even more contempt for the sin that longs to separate me from my God. What good news we have found through Jesus Christ. No longer do we have to live as slaves to our sinful nature. The Holy Spirit now lives within me. I claim His power in my fight with weakness.

Though the apostle Paul struggled with denying his sinful nature, and I certainly know I struggle with it too—sin will not have the victory. Brothers and sisters, let us not be content with where we are today. Let us fight, with holy anger, against the sins which so easily entangle us and remember that it is in our weakness the God's spirit takes over the fight, making us strong.





Thanksgiving Service

November 27, 2019 @ 6:30 PM

Join us for an evening of worship and giving thanks.

Thanksgiving Dinner

November 28, 2019 @ 12:30 PM

Join us for Thanksgiving dinner.
All are welcome.
FREE

2019 Gratitude Campaign

Join us for a season of giving thanks.

Sunday Worship

9 & 11 AM @ Palouse Federated Church
1:30 PM @ Bishop Place in Pullman

Pick up some thank you notes to express your gratitude.

NEW THIS YEAR: CARDS FOR KIDS!

Post one, two or 10 reasons you're thankful on our 10,000 Reasons Wall.



What's the next step in your spiritual journey?

Next Class : November 17
In Pastor Corey's Office

NEXT STEPS

Tuesday

Men's Way Too Early Study
Sermon Scriptures
5:30 AM @ PFC

2 Thessalonians Bible Study
9:45 AM @ PFC

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Study
Sermon Scriptures
9 AM @ PFC

Youth Group
6:30 PM @ PFC

2 Thessalonians Bible Study
7 PM @ PFC

Thursday

Ladies Bible Study
Sermon Scriptures
3 PM @ Tina Laughary's

Bible Studies



Oikos - What is it?

Your Oikos is the 8 to 15 people you interact with on a regular basis that God has supernaturally and strategically placed in your life - friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers.

Nobody is better equipped to share the truth of Jesus with them than you.

Pick up and fill out one of our OIKOS Prayer Cards and start praying for the people in your OIKOS to grow in their relationship with Jesus. We even have OIKOS Prayer Cards for Kids!

Or...Download the OIKOS App today - search "8to15" in your app store.



Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec. 15 @ 6 PM

All youth, ages 3 through high school, are invited to participate. Practice will take place during Sunday School from late November until the program.

Invite your family and friends to join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16
7:30 AM COOKING
8 AM EATING
ALL ARE WELCOME**



Youth Ministry News

Youth group meets weekly on Wednesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 PM. We start with dinner, have a time of worship and learn from the Bible, then we end with some fun games and activities. If you know a youth who is in 6th grade or above, feel free to invite them to our youth group, or pass along their name to Pastor Corey, or Riley and Vanessa Moore, and we will make sure they are invited.



YOUTH GROUP
6th - 12th Grades

Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM
Dinner Provided

Join us for Bible Study,
Worship & Fun

PALOUSE CHURCH ON A HILL PODCAST

Each week, Pastor Corey Laughary and Tim Sievers co-host the Church on a Hill Podcast - reviewing the sermon, discussing upcoming events and ministry opportunities and generally having a good time. Each podcast is about 20 minutes so it's easy to listen to on your way to or from Pullman or Moscow...or anytime!

Find us on Apple Podcasts, TuneIn, Google Play Music and the SoundCloud App (for smartphones, tablets, etc.) - search "Palouse Church on a Hill," or click on the link in the weekly e-mail or on the church's Facebook page.

The podcast is a great way to keep up with what's happening when you're on the go. Check it out and feel free to share it with a friend.



Young Life Gives Thanks

Betty Sawyer

Young Life wishes to extend our thanks to all of you for your generous support of our youth.



Each year, Gar-Pal Young Life holds two main fundraisers— the Palouse Days Palouse River Run and the annual banquet and auction. This year, our generous sponsors contributed \$3,100 and auction proceeds netted more than \$4,000. All proceeds will provide scholarships for youth to attend Young Life camps. In addition to this scholarship support, many of you completed pledge cards or renewed your pledges and that funding supports our staffing and club expenses.



What this means is that Gar-Pal Young Life can continue planting seeds and growing the faith of middle school and high school youth in and around Palouse!

Please pray for the kids' fall retreat where students from around the area gather for a weekend of activity and encouraging gospel messages.

2019-2020 Sponsors

Big Dream Sponsors | \$500

Anonymous

Bridge Builder Sponsors | \$250

Cascade Aircraft Conversions

Hemphill Heating & Electric

Sid's Pharmacy

Waddell & Reed Feuerstein Group

Combination Sponsors | \$150

Anonymous

Green Kent Properties

HUB

Sawyer Farms

Turnbow Flat Farm

Banquet Sponsors | \$100

Bagott Motors

Banner Bank

Garfield Community Church

Palouse Federated Church

Palouse Grain Growers

Palouse Health Center

Palouse River Run Sponsors | \$50

Connie Newman, Realtor

McGregor Company

Open Eye Consignment Shop

Palouse Family Foods

Riverside Retreat & Inn



The Kindness for Kids Food Pantry for Palouse Schools is in need of donations for the new school year. Your donations help make sure kids have access to quality food on weekends. See the donation tote and sign in the church for requested items.

New this fall...the **Blessing Closet** for non-food pantry items that are not commonly available at a food pantry or allowed to be purchased with SNAP (Food Stamp) assistance. Needed items include toilet paper and facial tissues, trash bags, laundry soap, cleaning supplies and personal care items. See the list above the donation tote for specific items.



PRAYER

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for the family and friends of Meredith Willcox, Jim Swartz, Sr., Marillyn Kilpatrick, Janet Hartford, Del Turnbough and Carol Ludlow.
- Pray for Connie Desicio, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Riley & Vanessa Moore, new youth leaders.
- Pray for Eric Jewett, friend of the Sievers, stage 4 cancer.
- Pray for Chuck Laughary, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Stephen Berry, recovering from AFIB.
- Pray for Gloria Carmon, glaucoma.
- Pray for Phil Doramus (chemo), and Carrie, as they navigate Phil's cancer journey.
- Pray for Lori Peters, cancer.
- Pray for Doreen, friend of Molly Quigley, breast cancer.
- Pray for George Arland, cancer.
- Pray for Donald Fenner, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Susan, homelessness
- Pray for renewal and revival in our region.
- Pray for Kaynan Zachow, for strength in his new path.
- Pray for Pastor Martin's wife Mary, health concerns.
- Pray for Lynda Mills, heart issues.
- Pray for Sarah McCusker, Huntington's Disease.
- Pray for Ellen, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Don Comstock, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Barbra Vail, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Carol Stillman, cancer.
- Pray for Bev Glass, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Tecla Blood, ongoing health issues.
- Pray for Richard Gamet, dementia/cancer.
- Pray for Charlotte, friend of Don Gilliland, Parkinson's.
- Pray for Paula Fielder Leftwich, cancer.
- Pray for Monte, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Brittany Sawyer's Uncle Jon, Alzheimer's.
- Pray for Judy Hart, stroke.
- Pray for our Bishop Place ministry and ministry team.
- Pray for our national and community leaders.
- Pray for our nation - that peace, compassion, love and unity win out over hate, discord and division.
- Pray for your Oikos—those that God has strategically and supernaturally placed in your life.
- Pray for active duty service members.
- Pray for Young Life.
- Pray for our International Mission Partners.
- Pray for the Bible study at Eastern State Hospital.
- Pray for youth to come to Christ.
- Pray for our missionaries and partner church and orphanage in Uganda (pastors, teachers, orphans).

Remember our Shut-Ins:

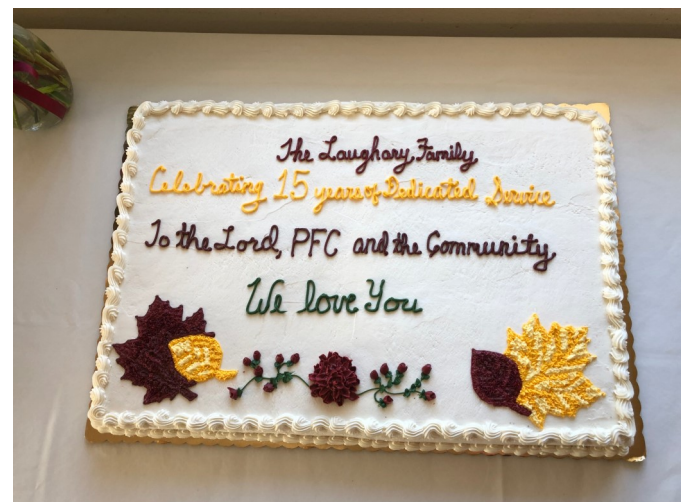
Richard Kayser
Catherine Tuck
Arnetta Tompkins

Frances West
Don Gilliland
Norm Schorzman

Dory Tuttle
Steve Gill
Marge Brink

Celebrating the Laughary Family

On October 27, the congregation gathered to give thanks and share our appreciation for Pastor Corey and Tina Laughary and their family for 15 years of service to Palouse Federated Church and the community of Palouse. We've been blessed by their ministry and leadership these many years and our hearts overflow with gratitude for their leadership, mentoring, friendship, and care. Thank you Corey, Tina, Danny, Zoe & Hetty Lee!



PALOUSE FEDERATED CHURCH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
OCTOBER 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship & Sunday School 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place	28	5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 9:45 AM Bible Study* 3:30 PM STEAM Activity @ Palouse Library	30 9 AM Ladies Bible Study* 6:30-8 PM Youth Group 7 PM 2 Thessalonians Bible Study	31 3 PM Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's	NOVEMBER 10:30 AM Play, Learn & Laugh Story Time @ Palouse Library (Ages 0-4)	Holiday Open House & Craft Fair
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9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Quarterly Business Meeting & Sunday School 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place	25	5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 9:45 AM Bible Study*	27 9 AM Ladies Bible Study* 6:30 PM Community Thanksgiving Service	28 7:45 AM Turkey Leg Fundraiser - Roy Chatters Museum 12:30 PM Community Thanksgiving Dinner	29	Bible studies with an * are held at PFC.

Depending on Jesus to Restore Our [Imperfect] Lives

November

Nov. 03	9 & 11 AM & 1:30 PM	The Lord's Prayer	Matthew 6:13
Nov. 10	9 & 11 AM & 1:30 PM	The Lord's Prayer	Matthew 6:13
Nov. 17	9 & 11 AM & 1:30 PM	The Lord's Prayer	Matthew 6:7-13
Nov. 24	9 & 11 AM & 1:30 PM	One of Ten [Tim Sievers]	Luke 17:11-19



PULLMAN WORSHIP SERVICE

You're invited to join us for worship in Pullman at our Bishop Place Worship Service. Worship Services are at 1:30 PM in the Social Room - 815 SE Klemgard St.

