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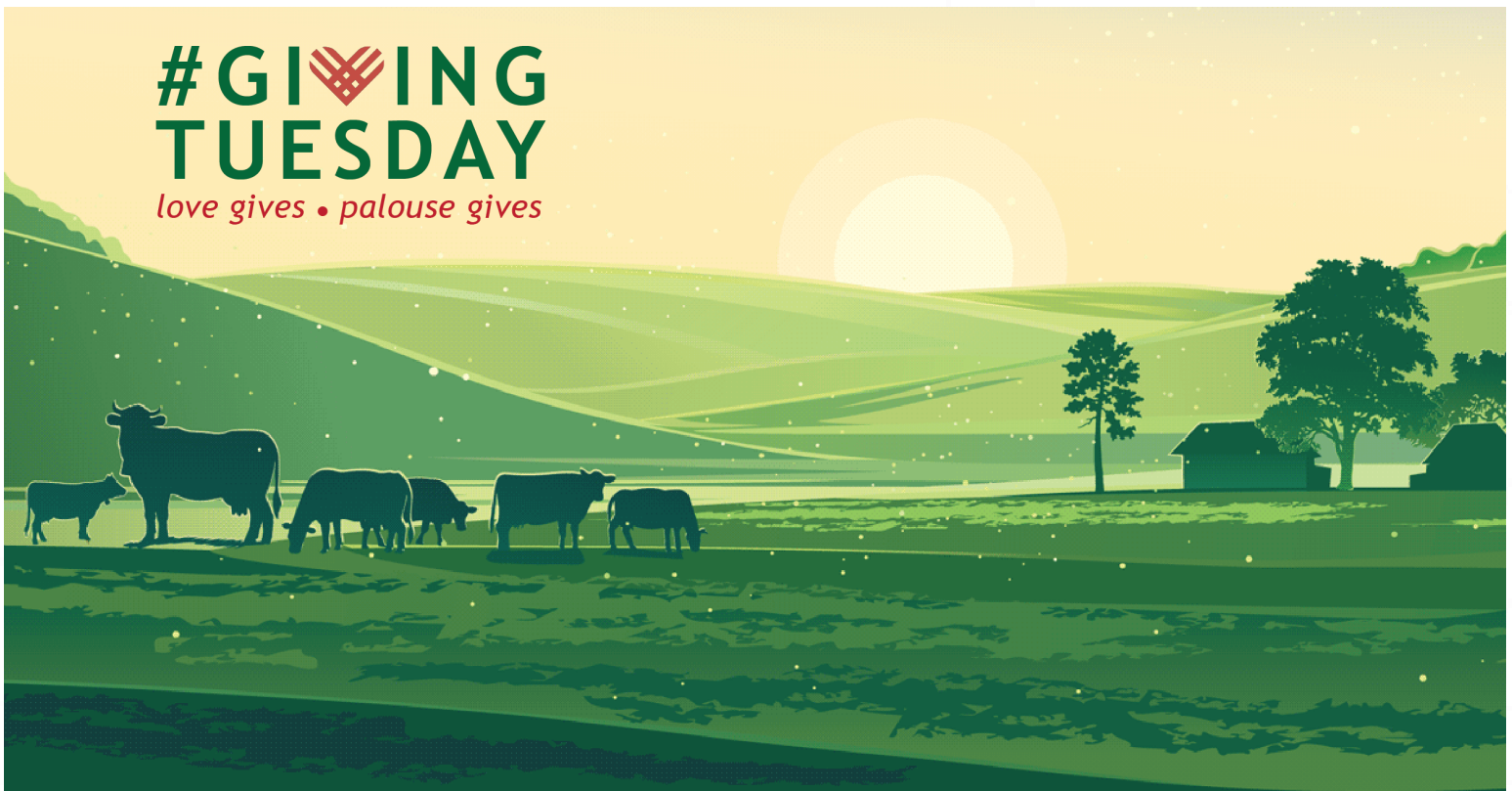
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FROM SAFINA N. TO MR. KISINIBAM. AND MRS. KIMBAM.
Mwangi Primary school,
P.O. BOX ---,
Buwenge.

12th September, 2019.

Dear Mr. Martin and Mrs. Maria.

It is a pleasure to write to you. I hope you are doing well as I pray for you.

The purpose for writing this letter is to thank you for the work you have done in my life as follows → Paying my school fees, Giving me food, Giving me medical treatment where necessary, Giving me clothes and I thank for the water sources and toilets around, sleeping in a well contained place Giving us bed sheets and blankets, Giving us school requirements. May the Lord our Lord bless you abundantly.

I will be the very happiest if my thanks meets your parental consideration. May the Lord award you.

Your loving daughter,
Safina.

You may delay, but time will not.

BLACK FRIDAY...CYBER MONDAY... GIVING TUESDAY...

“Love Gives, Palouse Gives” is our theme for Giving Tuesday on December 03, 2019.

John 3:16 tells us that God so loved the world that he gave...he gave his son for us. One way we demonstrate our gratitude for that gift and our love for him is through our own giving. This year, Palouse Federated Church is participating in Giving Tuesday with the hopes of fully funding our Life Lessons Scholarships for 2020 (\$4,500) and supporting the education of the children at Hope for All Children Orphanage in Uganda (\$3,000).

Life Lessons is a faith-based program designed to help high school seniors transition to life after high school. Students participate in three sessions covering the topics of finances, relationships and their future, meet with an adult mentor and once they complete the program receive a \$250 award. Since 2014, more than 70 high school seniors have successfully completed the program and nearly \$18,000 in awards have been made!

Palouse Federated Church has a longstanding relationship with the **Hope for All Children Orphanage in Uganda**. A couple years ago we began assisting them with school fees to help ensure that every child at the orphanage receives a good education. Sadly, before our support, the children would take turns attending school. Now, because of the generosity of our kids at Vacation Bible School each year as well as the faithful support of our congregation and community, ALL the children can attend classes for the whole year! We recently received a copy of a letter from one of the students we supported, and we've printed it here for you to read.

Visit www.palousechurch.org/givingtuesday on 12/3 and help us raise \$7,500 to support these important ministries of Palouse Federated Church. Choose “Giving Tuesday 2019” when you make your donation!

Thank you for your generosity!

Thanks FOR Giving at Christmas

CHRISTMAS GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Christmas giving can be done through the offering or online. If you give online, be sure to choose the appropriate fund to designate your gift.

If you are giving through the weekly offering, please designate on your check or giving envelope which fund you are supporting - use "ESH," to designate to Eastern State Hospital, "Vouchers" to help provide food vouchers to our neighbors in need, or "Uganda Christmas" to help provide clothing for the kids at the orphanage and a Christmas dinner. **Donations will be accepted through December 15.**



Palouse Federated Church offers online giving that's both easy and secure. Make your tithe, offering or special gift anytime from anywhere.

pfc.breezechms.com/give/online

EASTERN STATE HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS GIFTS

This Christmas we have received gift lists for two ESH patients.

A 41-year-old man would like a pair of white slippers with non-slip soles and back heels in a size 11.5; a lightweight grey sweatshirt in a size L; and long white socks, sized 10-12.

A 35-year-old woman would like a lightweight red sweatshirt in size XL; a pair of white sweatpants in size L and a multipack of white low-cut socks in size 6.

We will collect donations during the first two weeks in December. I will go shopping and deliver the gifts from December 9-16. Thank you for your donations. Since the items are fairly inexpensive, small donations would be appreciated.

Thanks for supporting this important ministry,
Peggy Collier

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Cheri Brunner



A grateful thank you to all who packed a GO shoe box - 114 boxes, a new record for our church! The Palouse Clearwater area collected 6,100 boxes - also a new record. GO stands for Gospel Opportunity, and that is just what they are! Each shoe box includes the Greatest Journey a 12-lesson discipleship program children are invited to attend to learn all about Jesus. Many come to faith in Him and learn how to tell people about Jesus. This is multiplication of Believers in Christ, and there's nothing better than that.

Each and every sweet box of gifts demonstrates God's love in a tangible way. For many children this is the first gift they have ever received.

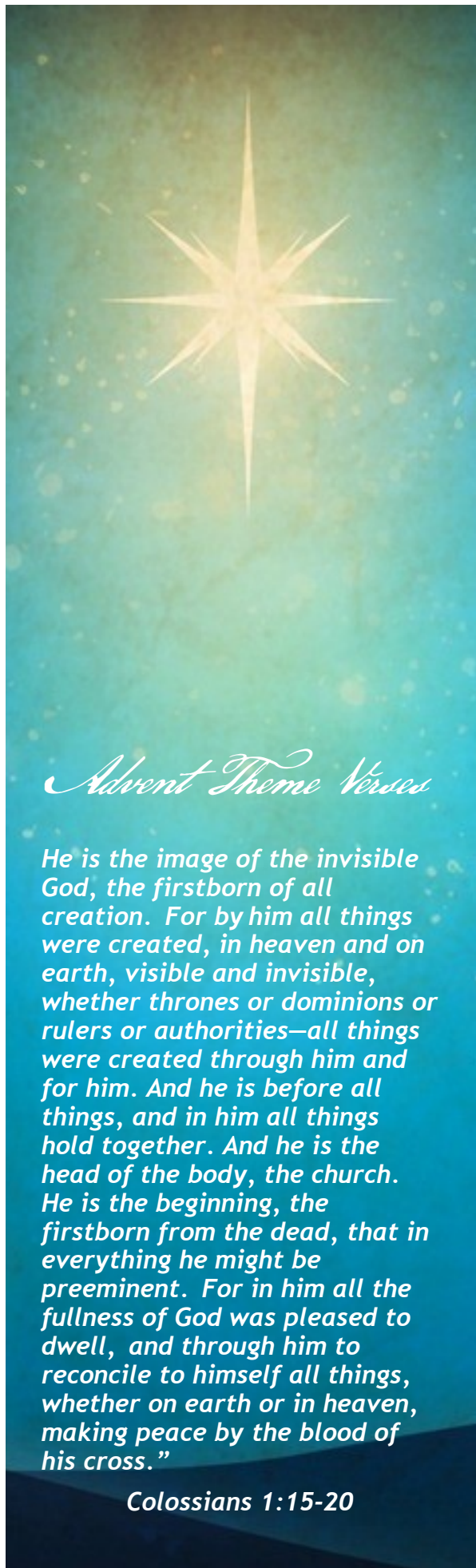
Try gathering up toys and school supplies all year long and then pack them in boxes in November - it's so much easier this way and you can take advantage of sales after Christmas, Valentine's day and Easter, when you may find toys and stuffed animals at a discounted price. Look for school supplies in August when the Back-to-School sales are running.

This year, Samaritan's Purse is partnering with Seed Company, an affiliate of Wycliffe Bible Translators, on translating projects for unreached people in Namibia and Burkina Faso. They plan to deliver shoebox gifts to 1,000 Pacific islands in the next four years. In Saipan alone, there have been 70 shoebox gift distributions reaching roughly 12,000 children with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Keep up the good work of spreading the love of God all over the world with a box of gifts.

Blessings and thank you so much!

Cheri





Advent Theme Verses

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.”

Colossians 1:15-20

COME AND SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE...

Pastor Corey Laughary



How do you see what you don't see coming? If you're like me, when you hear this question you might think, "There's nothing you can do to be able to see something that you don't know is coming your way." But when I think that about God's plans, I am wrong.

God has ways of helping people see what they don't see coming. In the first "advent" - the coming of the Son of God to earth as the baby Jesus born in Bethlehem - most people didn't see it coming. But God helped some people to see. There were prophets who proclaimed the Messiah was coming, there were angels making announcements to Mary, Joseph and Shepherds. And in another eastern land there were Magi who figured out that there was a very important King being born. God was saying to these folks, "I want you to see what I am doing." The Son of God was sent to Earth to be our Savior. Though many didn't see it coming, it happened and God wanted to choose his witnesses to come and see what He had done.

Now, we live waiting for the second Advent, the return of Jesus Christ. Many don't believe it will happen. Most are not going to see it coming. But God isn't influenced by popular opinion. He is going to return. He wants us to be ready. Jesus told us that he will return suddenly, "like a thief in the night."

This season of Advent is one where we remember that we are called to be the people who are looking to see what we know is coming one day, though we don't know when. Don't get so busy with the holiday fun and festivities that you become spiritually blind to the real story of Christmas. Christ came to save, and one day He's coming back to reign.

ADVENT DE-CLUTTERING

Advent calendars of all types are becoming popular. Cookies, chocolate, beer, and more are used in these trendy calendars. That can be fun, but here's an idea that's a bit of a reverse to the trend: Instead of adding or consuming more items each day during Advent, consider each day giving away an item to someone who could use it.

Do you find yourself with some extra stuff around your house? Do you have books you likely won't read again? Maybe you have items related to a hobby or craft that you are not interested in any more. Make it a goal to give away an item a day during Advent, more if you can. You can give the items to people who would be blessed by them, or make a donation to your local thrift store.



What's the next step in your spiritual journey?

Next Class: January 19
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



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, DECEMBER 21
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.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS @ PFC

Nights of Peace @ Holy Trinity Chapel
December 5, 12 & 19 | 6 - 8 PM

Christmas Caroling & Chili Dinner
December 08 @ 5 PM

Christmas Open House @ the Laughary's
December 15 @ 10 AM

Children's Christmas Program
December 15 @ 6 PM

Christmas Eve Services
December 24

Bishop Place @ 1:30 PM
PFC @ 7 & 11 PM



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.

The Blessing Closet is 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 Don Snekvik, cancer.
- Pray for Connie Desicio, ongoing health concerns.
- Pray for Riley & Vanessa Moore, new youth leaders.
- 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 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 active duty service members.
- Pray for youth to come to Christ.
- Pray for your Oikos—those that God has strategically and supernaturally placed in your life.
- 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 renewal and revival in our region.
- Pray for our Bishop Place ministry and ministry team.
- Pray for Young Life.
- Pray for our International Mission Partners.
- Pray for Joe & Karen Adams and Konnor Massa, our new missionaries.
- Pray for the Bible study at Eastern State Hospital.
- Pray for our missionaries and partner church and orphanage in Uganda (pastors, teachers, orphans).

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS:

Richard Kayser	Frances West	Dory Tuttle
Catherine Tuck	Don Gilliland	Steve Gill
Arnetta Tompkins	Norm Schorzman	Marge Brink

THANK YOU...

Tina Laughary



On behalf of myself, Pastor Corey, Danny, Zoe and Hetty Lee, I would like to offer a sincere thank you to our Palouse Community for the love and compassion shown to our family after the loss of my dad and my aunt. You have fed us, done errands and cleaning for us and have cared for any need that came up. Your cards, notes and well-wishes have been an encouragement on difficult days. We have felt and continue to feel, God answering your prayers for our family. Once again, we feel so blessed to call Palouse our home. Thank you!



BOARD UPDATES...

We're pleased to welcome three new team members to the Palouse Federated Church Executive Board.

The appointments of Justin Brown, Brenda Cook and Dennis Griner were ratified by the congregation at the quarterly business meeting in November and they will begin their terms in January.

With new members coming on to serve, that means several dedicated leaders are stepping off the board. A huge thank you to Butch Smith (6 years on the Board), Wil Edwards (6 years on the Board), and Mark Sawyer (1 year on the Board) for their service to PFC. We appreciate your service to God and our church.



PALOUSE FEDERATED CHURCH CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
DECEMBER 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship & Sunday School 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place	02	5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 9:45 AM Bible Study* 3:30 PM STEAM Activity @ Palouse Library #GivingTuesday - Give online @ palousechurch.org	04 9 AM Ladies Bible Study* 6:30-8 PM Youth Group 7 PM 2 Thessalonians Bible Study	05 3 PM Ladies Bible Study @ Tina Laughary's 6 - 8 PM Evenings of Peace @ Holy Trinity Chapel	06 10:30 AM Play, Learn & Laugh Story Time @ Palouse Library (Ages 0-4)	07 Round Table Craft Sale Sisters at Heart Sale
08 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship & Sunday School 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place 5 PM Caroling & Chili Dinner	09	5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 9:45 AM Bible Study* Census Hiring Program @ Palouse Library	11 9 AM Ladies Bible Study* 6:30-8 PM Youth Group 7 PM 2 Thessalonians Bible Study After School Early Release Program @ Palouse Library	12 6 - 8 PM Evenings of Peace @ Holy Trinity Chapel	13 10:30 AM Play, Learn & Laugh Story Time @ Palouse Library (Ages 0-4)	14 Youth Retreat @ Ross Point 12/6 - 12/8
15 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Open House @ Laughary's & Sunday School 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place 6 PM Children's Christmas Program	16	5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 9:45 AM Bible Study* 8:30 AM - Noon Energy Assistance Program @ Palouse Library - Call (509) 334-9147 for Appt.	18 9 AM Ladies Bible Study* 6:30-8 PM Youth Group 7 PM 2 Thessalonians Bible Study 1 - 2 & 4:30 - 6 PM Food Pantry Distribution @ Calvary Chapel	19 6 - 8 PM Evenings of Peace @ Holy Trinity Chapel	20 10:30 AM Play, Learn & Laugh Story Time @ Palouse Library (Ages 0-4) Holiday Early Release Program @ Palouse Library 1 - 4 PM MS & HS Holiday Baking @ Comm. Center	21 7:30 AM Men's Breakfast
22 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship & Sunday School 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place	23	1:30 PM Christmas Eve Service @ Bishop Place 7 PM Christmas Eve Service @ PFC 11 PM Christmas Eve Service @ PFC Palouse Library Closed	25 Palouse Library Closed	26	10:30 AM Play, Learn & Laugh Story Time @ Palouse Library (Ages 0-4)	28
29 9 AM Worship 10:15 AM Fellowship & Sunday School 11 AM Worship 1:30 PM Bishop Place	30	5:30 AM Way too Early Men's Bible Study* 9:45 AM Bible Study* Palouse Library Closes @ 3	01 JANUARY	02	03	04 Bible studies with an * are held at PFC. The Palouse Library is collecting non-perishable food donations for the food pantry through December.

Depending on Jesus to Restore Our [Imperfect] Lives

December

Dec. 01	9 & 11 AM & 1:30 PM	What is HOPE in this world of death?	Psalm 42
Dec. 08	9 & 11 AM & 1:30 PM	Where is PEACE in this world of trouble?	Zechariah 9:9-10
Dec. 15	9 & 11 AM & 1:30 PM	How do we have JOY in the midst of loss?	Isaiah 55:6-13
Dec. 22	9 & 11 AM & 1:30 PM	Who can LOVE us deeply?	Lamentations 3:22-24, 31-33
Dec. 29	9 & 11 AM & 1:30 PM	What did God do?	John 1:1-5



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.

