

# Connections

September 2022

## A New Old Way Forward

Corey Laughary, Pastor



In 1947 something new and daring happened in Palouse, three Christian churches combined to form one “Federated” Church. Happy 75th Birthday to Palouse Federated Church!

From certain vantage points, it was somewhat risky to merge Methodist, Presbyterian and Baptist congregations into one, but seen from a biblical perspective, if Christ is for us who can be against us? (Rom. 8:31) The new Federation sought to agree in Jesus Christ and the scriptures. The church leaders believed that the Bible says we are “one body with many parts” (1 Cor. 12), and that our differences could not just be tolerated, but honored and would give a richness to our congregational life.

Founding families from the different congregations worked together over those first years to find the way forward, and before you knew it, about 10 years later, they had a new building on top of the Bridge Street hill!

There’s much we should learn from our heritage. First, gratefulness for the 75 years of God’s grace and the giving and service of many who served our local church. Second, God gave a vision for local Christians to unite and overcome differences for the greater good of serving Christ on the Palouse. Third, this heritage is our spiritual DNA and can help us to be a united body of Christians who celebrate our various gifts and backgrounds as expressions of God’s diverse ways of blessing people.

So, to God be the glory for 75 years of worship, service, spiritual growth and witness!

To God be the glory for bringing together people from different backgrounds and traditions and uniting us as one local church family!

May Jesus Christ lead us forward, united with Him as our head, to be people who humbly depend on Him to restore our imperfect lives!

Thanks be to God who inspired the PFC leaders of the past to bring about this united congregation and may their work be honored as we serve Christ and His Kingdom into the future!

Depending on Jesus,

*Pastor Corey*

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So, Whether you  
eat or drink, or  
whatever you do,  
do all to the Glory  
of God.

1 Corinthians  
10:31

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Palouse Federated Church is an interdenominational Christian church born out of the coming together of the Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches of Palouse, WA. **Respect for people from other Christian traditions has been a hallmark of our community** since our founding and remains an important part of who we are today. At Palouse Federated Church, **you will find, diversity and respect, coupled with the hospitality and kindness of our small town.**

**OUR HISTORY**

## Thank You...

Corey Laughary, Pastor

Vanessa Moore, our wonderful youth leader, is stepping away from the position. She is a very busy parent and thinks it is best to focus on that primary role. She's been serving the youth of PFC for the last couple of years and many have been blessed by her teaching, joy and kindness. We are thankful that she is still willing to volunteer to help out with the youth from time to time as her schedule allows. If you get the chance to thank Vanessa for her service, please do!



### THANK YOU VANESSA!

Carrie Doramus, our church janitor and PFC member, was recently married at the end of August and has moved to West Virginia to live there with her husband Daniel. We are excited for Carrie and Daniel and praying God's best for them. Carrie has served the last few years as janitor of the church and we are thankful for her time serving PFC. Keep Carrie in your prayers as she transitions to her new life in West Virginia.

### THANK YOU CARRIE!

*From all of us...  
Thank You!*

## The Challenge and Excitement of New Beginnings

Vanessa Moore



Wow! I can't believe we're already almost finished with Summer and headed into a new school year! As many of you may have heard, the end of Summer will also be the end of my time as Youth leader. This has been such a hard decision to make and I will miss the kids and families immensely! They have taught me so much over the past couple years, so I thought it would be fitting to share a recent example.

While discussing the end of Summer, we were marveling how it can fly by so quickly, but yet hold so many big experiences. I would say, almost every kiddo loves Summer and is sad to see it end, but there is also so much excitement in starting a new school year! They talk about the new school year as a new beginning, a way to start fresh with a blank slate each year. Yes, they already know each other, especially in a small school like ours, however, so much can happen over the Summer that it almost makes them feel like a new person. They go to camp, go on vacation, and make so many new memories and have new experiences. They make new friends and see new places. Each of these things add a new piece to their lives and help them grow as a person. It's refreshing to hear both how these exciting events give them a burst of energy and just light them up, and then the wonder of how they will approach the new school year with all of the "new" pieces of themselves.

We all go through various seasons of life, and while I'm sad that my current one is leading me to take a step back from this amazing group, I'm so thankful for the time I shared with these incredible kids and I strive to have their wonderful outlook on each new beginning.

Thank you, all, for your support and love over the years. I know that I'm leaving this group in Hua Ming's capable care and I will definitely be popping in to say hello!

## Sunday School

Hua Ming Newman

Life is full of transitions, endings and beginnings. As we come to September, school is beginning again and so is Sunday School.

Sunday School is a great way for kids to start learning about Jesus and the Bible. We will learn about what Pastor Corey is preaching about in a simpler and easier way to understand with Bible stories, crafts, and coloring - all the while, learning about God's love for us all.

Sunday School starts Sept 18 at 11:15 AM, and is open to children age 3 and potty-trained through 5th Grade.

If you're interested in becoming a teacher or substitute teacher, please reach out to me:

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(509) 595-7125

*Transitions*

# Prayer

## New: Guided Prayer

Sundays at 11:15 AM in the Sanctuary

Join Pastor Corey in a time of guided prayer. These times of prayer will last anywhere from 5-15 minutes. This is a relaxing time for anyone to simply meet with the Lord in prayer.

## Uganda & Hope 4 All Children Orphanage Update

We are thankful to be able to provide \$750 monthly support to the Hope 4 All Children orphanage. This helps provide for the basic needs of the 15 children that live there, including their food, medicine and basic supplies.

With the kids of VBS leading the way, we were able to raise more than \$2,300 recently to cover the cost of education for all the school-aged orphans. Thank you to all who were able to give.

Praise be to God who so marvelously provides!

Photos: (Below) Two youth from the orphanage. (Right) Pastor Martin's daughter Praise.



## VBS Update

Rocky Railway VBS was filled with incredible Bible learning experiences for 67 K-12 students. Kids enjoyed crafts, cool Bible songs, team-building games, and tasty treats all while learning that Jesus' power can pull us through life's ups and downs!



WORSHIP  
TOGETHER

SUNDAYS  
10 AM

Every Sunday we have one united worship service at 10 AM. We hope you can make plans to join us as we Worship Together.

Childcare for children age 3 and potty-trained through age 8 will continue in the basement classrooms with Bible stories.

## Bible Study Schedule

Contact the Church for More Information

Tues. | 5:30 AM | Men

Tues. | 10 AM | Mixed Group

Wed. | 10 AM | Ladies

Wed. | 6:30 PM | Middle School

Wed. | 6:30 PM | Spiritual Growth Group



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NOT BY MIGHT. NOT BY POWER. BUT BY THE SPIRIT.

## HOPE GALA 2022

REGISTER AT: [SPOKANE-GALA.TCPNW.COM](http://SPOKANE-GALA.TCPNW.COM)

OCT. 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2022

DOORS OPEN 5:30 PM

SPOKANE CONVENTION CENTER

GRAND BALLROOM

334 W SPOKANE FALLS BLVD

SPOKANE, WA 99201

### SAVE THE DATE



Adult & Teen Challenge

Pacific Northwest



## Palouse Food Pantry

September 28

1-2:30 PM & By Appointment

Calvary Chapel of Palouse

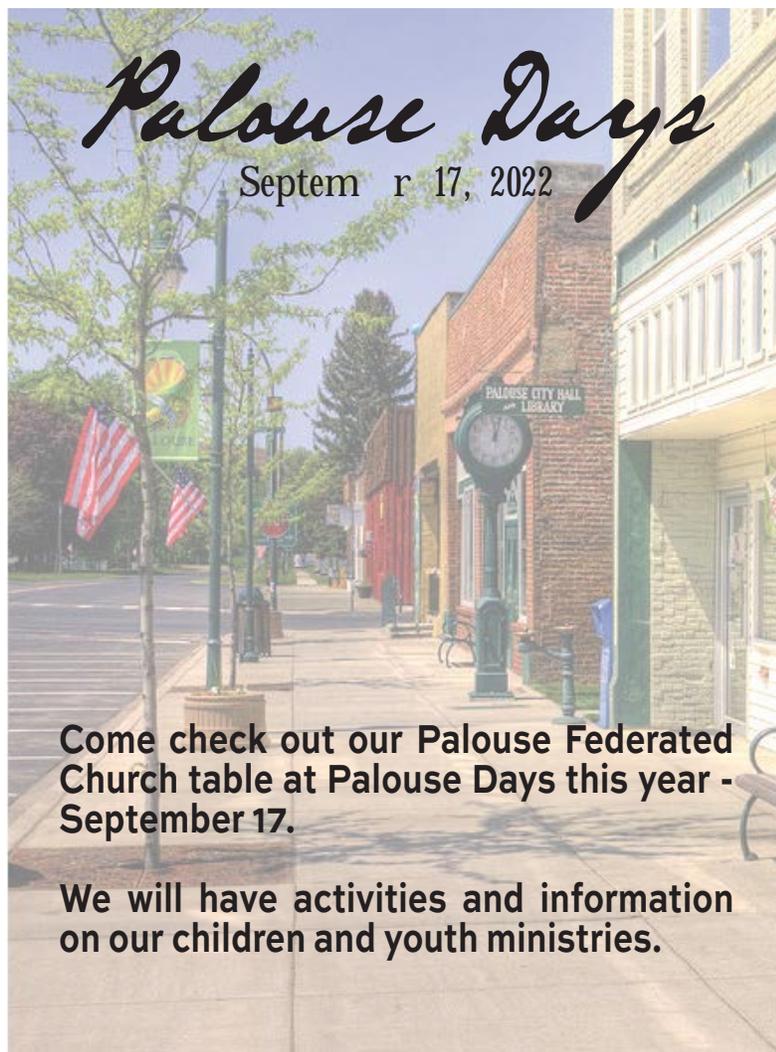
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Or Call the Pantry: (509) 595-3048

In-person pick up, or delivery by request.

## Palouse Days

September 17, 2022



Come check out our Palouse Federated Church table at Palouse Days this year - September 17.

We will have activities and information on our children and youth ministries.



## An Update from Lesotho

*From Mission Aviation Fellowship E-Mail, Sept. 2, 2022*

If you're getting tired of these dog days of summer, you'll enjoy today's MAF destination. We're still in Africa, and today's location has opposite seasons. So imagine yourself about 30 to 40 degrees cooler (daytime temps where our team is) right now!

Today we're taking you to the beautiful mountain kingdom of Lesotho. This landlocked country sits entirely within South Africa. It boasts the highest lowest level of any country at 4,593 feet with an average altitude of 6,561 feet. It lives up to its nickname, "the kingdom of the sky."

These mountains are the reason MAF is needed. MAF partners with the Lesotho Flying Doctors Service (LFDS) to support several remote clinics and a couple district hospitals. Typical flights include transporting doctors and nurses and delivering medicine, vaccines, and supplies.

The MAF team is especially busy providing emergency medical evacuations—"Code-1s"—around 200 per year.

"Because we do so many, sometimes our Code-1s become routine," said MAF Lesotho pilot Joe Adams.

But recently, a busier-than-usual weekend served to remind the MAF team these are anything but routine.

That Saturday, the team had received a Code-1 call for a 13-year-old girl who'd been bitten by a snake around noon. By the time she reached the airstrip it was mid-afternoon, just before daylight cutoff time for flights. By then her foot had swelled to double the size, causing her quite a bit of pain. MAF delivered her to the main hospital in Maseru, where she was treated overnight.

Normally, the team does not fly on Sundays, unless there's an emergency. But that Sunday there were two Code-1 patients: a man with a gunshot wound in Mokhotlong, and another man who'd been stabbed in Lebakeng.

"Both men were delivered to the ambulance by midmorning for transport to the hospital in Maseru," Joe said.

Joe specifically thanked Mpho and Nts'ela, two of our national staff who came in to help over the weekend, prepping, unloading, and refueling the airplanes multiple times.

"Praise God that we are privileged to each have a part in these life-saving flights. Everyone on the team makes them happen."

Your support and prayers for MAF make you part of that team as well. Will you please go to the Father now on behalf of these recent patients? Pray that they would come to know the Great Physician and be healed from their wounds.

Thank you for caring about the world's most isolated people. We would not be able to display the love of Christ—and bring help in critical times—without you!

Jenn Wolf, Sr. Writer  
Mission Aviation Fellowship

## Are You Okay?

*From The Five Love Languages E-Mail, August 10, 2022*

How are you doing?

Wait, stop there for a moment. It's all too easy to breeze by that question without really thinking. So here's what I want you to do: Read the question again, close your eyes, take deep breath, and sit for at least 10 seconds and search deeply for the answer. So, again . . . how are you doing?

Are you feeling calm, peaceful, relaxed, content? Or do your emotions tend to be leaning more toward feeling anxious, fearful, worried, disconnected, overwhelmed?

One feeling that seems to be extremely common right now is loneliness. That's because humans weren't designed for isolation. We were designed for connection. And right now, there are many people feeling disconnected from friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers, so loneliness is quite amplified.

Feelings are like fuel gauges on a car with positive emotions reflecting a full tank and negative emotions indicating a depleted tank. If you are experiencing positive emotions in light of all that is

happening, that's great! Keep topping off your tank with mounds of gratitude throughout your day.

Maybe your emotions are indicating your tank is empty. Don't get upset with yourself and add to the negative emotions you feel. You don't get mad at the gas gauge on your car when it's gets low, do you? No, you just pull over at the next station for a fill up.

Likewise, when you notice your emotional tank is low and negative feelings are rising, you have an opportunity to fill up. Maybe you need to shut off the news for a while and read an encouraging book. Maybe you need to video chat with a friend, write in a gratitude journal, or play a board game with a loved one in lieu of spending time on a digital device. Whatever you decide to do, make sure it is something that fills you up. You can't show up for others well when you yourself are depleted.

If you let your feelings speak to you rather than control you, you will find yourself becoming the type of person who can stand in the midst of nearly any storm. That, in itself, is reason for joy.

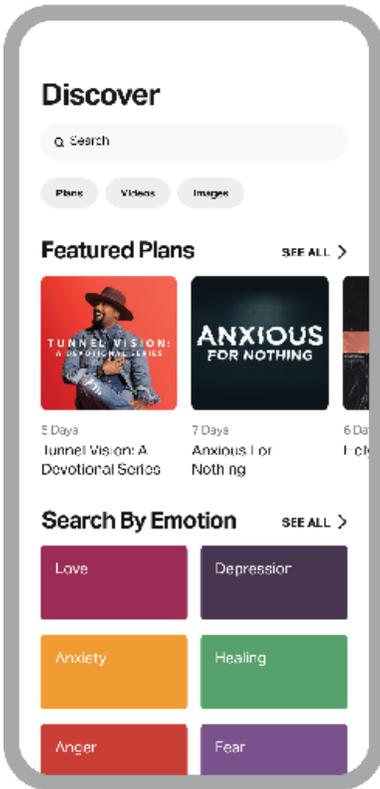


## “That You May Believe” Sermon Series Schedule

Check out the scripture schedule below for upcoming sermons and Bible studies.

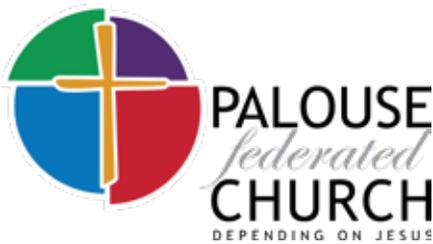
- September 04 Jesus and His Signs and Our Faith [John 20:30-31]
- September 11 Jesus Getting His Team Ready [John 21:1-14]
- September 18 Jesus Making Peter Rock-Steady [John 21:15-19]
- September 25 Jesus and a Beloved Friend [John 21:20-25]

Our “That You May Believe” sermon series is taking us through the Gospel of John. Consider joining a YouVersion Bible App reading plan this month. Contact Pastor Corey if you would like to join a John reading plan, or if you need help finding a different plan that works for you!



# YouVersion

Scan the QR Code to the right and make us “My Church” inside the YouVersion Bible App. You’ll be able to quickly find our worship events for taking notes and have access to our featured Bible reading plan.



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