



Bearing the Image of God

A reflection on Whitworth Ministry Summit, June 2019

This past week my family and I had the privilege to attend the Whitworth Ministry Summit, an annual conference for church leaders. I am always grateful for continuing education and I return to this conference each summer because it is, quite frankly, one of the best conferences anywhere in the country. This year was no exception.

The theme that wove through the different speakers, tracks, teaching and worship was “Bearing the Image of God.” It has me thinking a lot about my own faith, our identity as Christians, and the purpose of the Church. I’m still processing quite a bit, but here are a few short reflections so far.

First of all, we are all made in the image of God.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to our likeness...". God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:26-27

This means the image of God is in you. And it is in each and every person, for God has created us all. God made humanity to reflect God’s self. The Christian faith is a life-long process of expressing the image of God that is in us. There is also always an opportunity to look for the image of God in any other person- because God put it there! We just often don’t see it. In reality, the image of God is not complete in us, but we need each other to see and to know more of God’s image.

Second, the image of God has been cracked. Like a beautiful vase that has fallen off the shelf, there are cracks in God’s image in each of us.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” Romans 3:23

This image of God in each one of us is not perfect. It’s like looking into a cracked mirror. The picture we get is distorted. Sometimes it’s hard to see the image through the cracks, even. But it’s there. We need to be aware of our cracks. Our cracked history. Our cracked society and systems. Our cracked behaviors and reactions. Confession is a process of bringing our cracked and broken self before God, the one who made us in his image. We pray, out of our confessions, for healing and restoration.

Third, God redeems our cracks to restore his image in us. Jesus, God’s own son, came to seal our cracks and bring us back to God.

“Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.” Colossians 1:15

The Spirit continues this work of healing and restoration. This work happens in our own lives as we are shaped by God as His people. And this work also happens in the world around us, where the Spirit is continuing the work that Jesus began to bring in God’s kingdom and make all things new. We can be bearers of the image of God today.

In Christ,
Pastor Kevin

OPC News

Family Promise at OPC

Our next opportunity to work with Family Promise is July 14-20 at our church. We will host along with our co-churches (Spokane Valley Baptist Church and the LDS church). Our church will provide food for breakfast and lunch and we will share the dinners with the other churches. All three churches provide overnight hosts with OPC hosting on Thursdays and Saturdays. If you would like to help, please contact Sue Webber 474-0514.

GO FISH!- A Youth Fishing Day

When? Monday, August 12th We will leave Spokane at 6am and leave Pullman around 4pm to return home.

Who? Youth must be ages 10 and older, adults are welcome as space allows.

Where? On the Snake River outside of Pullman, a summer ministry of Pullman Presbyterian Church gets youth out into God's creation to teach stewardship, discipleship and fellowship. We will fish out of a fully stocked pontoon boat. There also will be an opportunity to swim at a beach at a local state park.

If interested, please contact Pastor Kevin at kevin@opportunitypresbyterian.org to reserve your spot.

Mingle and Munch Adult Fellowship

July 25 & August 22, 2019

YES, WE DO DINE AND FELLOWSHIP EVEN DURING OUR SUMMER MONTHS!

Joseph and Sun Lee's new Shogun Restaurant should be open for business by July 25th. The Restaurant is located in the East 10500 block of Sprague, on the North side of the street. The side street is Raymond. Shogun is across the street from the Methodist Church. I will get a range of costs of menu items to you before that date.

We will return to Darcy's Restaurant for our August dining and fellowship.

Darcy's Restaurant
10512 East Sprague

Once a month, we join together for food & fellowship. Hamburgers, prime rib sandwiches, soup, salads (large enough to share) salmon & shrimp are a few tasty menu choices. Come and join us between 5:45 & 6:00pm. Order as you arrive.

We are a group who love Christ, and gratefully serve His Church at Opportunity.

Lynne Keeling or Marilyn Long will take your reservation the Sunday before we go out to eat.

Or call me, Gerrie Hobbs at 926-7355 for reservations & cancellations. Let us give thanks to God for our many blessings as Americans this 4th of July 2019.

What do bikes, affordable housing and OPC have in common?

The Fuller Center Bike Adventure will be making a stop at OPC on Sunday, August 4 on their cross country summer route. The Fuller Center Bike Adventure is the largest single fundraising event for the Fuller Center for Housing, a Christian faith based affordable housing non-profit. They hold long distance cycling trips where participants get the chance to ride across various parts of the country, raise funds for the Fuller Center, and work on build sites along the way.

The Bike Adventure is in its 12th year, and has enjoyed staying with 400+ churches all across the country. They will be staying at OPC August 3-5 and sharing a minute for mission in worship Sunday morning, August 4. If you want to hear more about their work, you are invited to join them for dinner on Sunday evening at OPC and bring a potluck dish to share.

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."
Luke 4:18-19

Finance

Thank you for your faithful financial support – here's our year-to-date income / expenses:

2019	Total Donations	Total Expenses
January	\$27,435.25	\$27,467.13
February	\$25,689.50	\$31,786.88
March	\$24,004.75	\$25,636.45
April	\$31,987.24	\$23,390.44
May	\$23,199.66	\$32,224.34

- Our budget target is \$30,000 a month of income – we were short last month and are still short year-to-date – yet continuing to keep current on all bills
- Our parking lot resurface looks amazing – but the nearly \$9,000 cost cleaned out our Building Reserve fund
- Our PILP loan balance is at \$1,008,461.83 – inching closer to dropping below \$1 million
- Per Capita we've received \$2,231 towards our total \$7,308 annual commitment
- With summer vacations coming up – keep OPC in your thoughts & prayers and send in your pledge before you leave town

Rummage Sale coming up:

- o We can start collecting donations now in the corner of the gym – cannot accept old mattresses, exercise equipment, old tube TV's & old appliances
- o Mark your calendar – setup will be August 19th-22nd 9am-2pm; sale will be August 23rd & 24th 8am-2pm with \$2/bag sale after church on Sunday August 25th from 11am-3pm; cleanup August 25th from 3pm-5pm
- o Sign-ups are in the narthex for setup, cashiering & cleanup

OPC Choir Camp

Come try out some music with the choir at OPC!

Wednesday, August 7th, 9am-3pm

Lunch at noon, bring a summer salad or a summer dessert to share.



Ben for a Day

Ben Beach, our amazing janitor, will be on vacation July 1-6 & 14-20. Sign up to be Ben for a Day to cover the work that needs to be done and help out while he is gone. Signups are in the narthex on Sundays or in the office Monday-Thursday.

Christian Women’s Book Club starting up at Leslie Huff’s

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be part of a Christian Women’s book club? There are so many wonderful Christian books to read, fiction and non-fiction alike! I would like to start a small book club in my home once a month where we can gather, enjoy each other’s company and share in the love of books. I understand we are all busy and have our own favorite books to read, but what a wonderful opportunity to stretch and share with other Christian women those thoughts and books that speak to our hearts. I’m hoping for a variety of ages. Young mothers can have a night out! The idea is to meet once month at 6:30 and be finished by 8:00 and of course, there will be refreshments! I would pick the book for September to get us started. If this something that you are interested in please give me a call, text or email me. My phone number is 509-945-9040 and my email address is huffs11113@comcast.net. I hope you have a wonderful summer!!!

The Inland Northwest Presbyterian Women’s Fall Gathering will be held at the Bethany Presbyterian Church on Saturday, September 28th from 9:30am-2pm. All women are welcome.

Family Promise

Hi, Everyone ---

We are trying to recruit a few new Van Drivers. Van drivers usually are schedule to drive only one day out of the week in the morning (driving Bridges families back to day center) or afternoon (driving Bridges families to the church). We will be needing a new afternoon driver on Thursday afternoon starting in August. Also, a few drivers have been needing to help out subbing or taking an extra shift. If you have anyone you think would be interested, please have them give me a call. We can discuss more details and training at that time.

We currently have a fantastic and dedicated group of Van Drivers It would be awesome to add some more drivers to this dedicated team!

Blessings,

Susan

Bridges Program Manager

795-9619

Presbytery Summer BBQ and Storytelling at Rockin' B Ranch

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 21st 5:30PM (dinner starts at 6PM). All churches in the presbytery are invited to this fun fellowship event where we will share a meal, listen to a variety of musicians and poets as well as hear some missional stories about how God is at work throughout our region. If you have music, poetry or a missional story to share please contact Katie Stark at the Presbytery. Hotdogs provided, please bring a side or dessert to share (please no mayo or eggs).



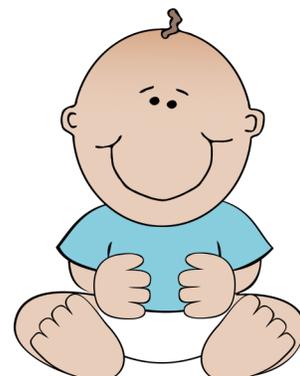
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Diaper Bank

Fast Diaper Facts

- 1/3 U.S. families can't afford diapers
- 5M U.S. babies in low-income families
- Diapers are \$70-\$80/mo per baby
- Can't get diapers with food stamps
- No daycare without diapers
- No work or school without day care

For our VBS mission project this year we will be collecting diapers for the Inland NW Diaper Bank. Diaper donations can be brought in anytime during the week of VBS, July 8-12 and Sunday, July 14.



Family Ministry



My name is Jenny Pitts and I am new the Family Connections Coordinator at OPC. My family moved to Spokane in January 2019. I have been married to my husband Joseph for 23 years. We have 4 amazing children. Our family is from West Sacramento, California where I owned my own childcare/preschool for 17 years. Prior to working for OPC, I began working for Central Valley School District, where I provide supervision before, after school and during lunch time. During my free time I enjoy family time, walking and scenic drives. I look forward to working with the families of OPC. Please let me know if I can be of any assistance. My email is jenny@opportunitypresbyterian.org.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS: OPC Family Day at Silverwood! The date is set for Aug 24, 2019. More details to come soon. If you have any questions please ask me.

CAMP SPALDING FUNDRAISERS

Please join us Sunday July 14, 2019 and August 11, 2019 for 2nd Sunday lunches after worship. July is a pancake brunch and August is a BBQ.

Also, our kids are all selling raffle tickets for two gorgeous quilts. You have a chance to win one of two beautiful appliquéd quilts, generously donated by the OPC Quilters. Tickets are just \$5 each and all proceeds will go directly to the OPC Camp Spalding Scholarship Fund. Winners will be drawn on Sunday, August 11th during our Second Sunday BBQ. Find one of the OPC kids on Sunday to purchase your tickets or stop by the church office during the week.



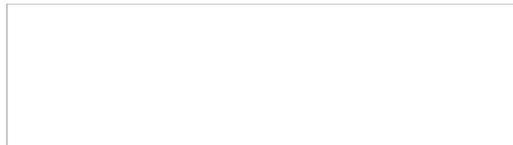


SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 6pm—Zumba	2	3	4 Office Closed	5	6
7 11am—VBS Setup	8 9am—VBS 6pm—Zumba	9 9am—VBS 7pm—B&G Meeting	10 9am—VBS	11 9am—VBS 6pm—Zumba	12 9am—VBS	13
14 Family Promise Host Week 11:30am— Camp Spalding Pancake Feed	15 6pm—Zumba	16	17	18 6pm—Zumba	19	20
21 11am—Family Commission Meeting	22 6pm—Zumba	23	24	25 6pm—Zumba 6pm—Mingle & Munch	26	27
28	29 6pm—Zumba	30	31			

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 6pm—Zumba	2	3
4 Communion Sunday	5 6pm—Zumba	6 7pm—B&G Meeting	7 9am—Choir Camp	8 6pm—Zumba	9	10
11 11am—Second Sunday BBQ	12 6pm—Zumba	13	14	15 6pm—Zumba	16	17
18	19 6pm—Zumba	20	21	22 Rummage Sale Set Up 6pm—Zumba 6pm—Mingle & Munch	23 8am— Rummage Sale	24 8am— Rummage Sale
25 11am— Rummage Sale	26 6pm—Zumba 7pm—Session Meeting	27	28	29 6pm—Zumba	30	31

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