

CONNECTION POINT

JANUARY 2018

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WE ARE COMMITTED TO FOLLOWING GOD TOGETHER
CONNECTED WITH HIM. COMMITTED TO EACH OTHER
AND PARTICIPATING IN HIS LIFE TOGETHER

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New Life

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Everyone had left for the night. Though it had been exhausting beyond anything they might have imagined, it was worth it; a celebration they would never forget. Neither of them had spoken for more than an hour, but neither could sleep either. What would life be like now?

It was still dark out, the overwhelming abundance of stars shining at various levels of brightness in the night sky. And then... there it was, the very faint, almost imperceptible glow beginning to reveal the outline of the horizon. Was there anything else like it, promising the certain coming of a new day? It would take time, but it would happen... just as they knew it would. What they didn't know, could not know, was what it would hold. One thing was sure - it would never be the same as it had been before.

He turned to look at her as he heard the contented little grunts and satisfied gurgles of their newly born infant suckling. His wife's countenance mirrored the sounds his son was making. He felt at one with them, unlike anything he had ever known. Could it get better? Would it?

Then suddenly, he awoke back into the reality of today and realized he had been dreaming. He looked around the small room of their little house. His young son was playing in a corner by himself, quite enthralled with a little piece of wood he had fashioned into the shape of a mallet. The boy was content, and always had been. He was an easy child. He turned as his wife came into the room, stopped with a basket on her hip and smiled at him. "My men" she said. He knew she loved him and hoped she knew how much he loved her.

She had just finished putting things away after their evening meal, already planning to put their child to sleep for the night when they both heard rustling outside. Only a moment later there was a soft rap on the doorpost. Her eyes followed her husband as he rose and walked to the door, opening it to one of the most startling sights she had ever seen, and she had seen some. A man neither of them knew, of obvious regal bearing stood before them in the most lavish clothing they had ever seen up close.

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The church office will be closed Monday January 1st in observance of New Years Day!

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They said nothing, having no sense of what to say to such a person, when he bowed low at the waist, revealing two other men of equal stature waiting behind him. As soon as they made eye contact, they too bowed. What on earth was happening. It wasn't as if they had simply wandered into the incorrect neighborhood and knocked at the wrong door. Men like this had no place in their neighborhood.

Now, standing at their door and watching in stunned silence as the three strangers mounted their beasts and ambled toward the horizon they found themselves in perplexing wonder yet again... what now? They thought they had finally eased into the comfortable, predictability of everyday life. What could this mean?

"Mary!" Joseph woke her softly, though with obvious urgency. "I've had another dream. It was an angel again. We need to pack all we can and leave, now."

"What!? When?" she asked. "Where? Why?" she continued.

Joseph's eyes never wavered from hers. "The angel told me Herod is looking for our son, to kill him. We must leave for Egypt, immediately." Joseph was a calm, steady man, but she knew he also never spoke of serious matters in jest, especially concerning their son. "Egypt?" she said.

He squeezed her arm, they embraced and she prayed, "Oh Lord... You have guided us from the very start. We know You will continue to. Thank You, Lord." And with that she quickly began gathering everything they could manage with their small cart and donkey. Were it not for the extravagant gifts the elegant strangers had given them they would not have supposed to own even that at this stage of their young family's life.

They were already 15 miles away, moving south as the glow to their left began ushering in the dawn of this new day, one they could never have seen coming, no matter what they thought. Would God always lead them like this, from one dawning of unexpected new, through another season of relative normalcy to the completely unanticipated next new experience?

"On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability... All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity — all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved."

And now...

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Skirt/Dress Making in the Student Building

Friday January 5th 5-9pm and
Saturday January 6th
9am-2pm.

Contact Laura Lease for further
details and/or questions: 253-265-2004



Are you interested in Life Group leadership? Sunday January 14th is our every other month leadership meeting 15 minutes after service in the Student Ministry Building. The meeting will last about an hour. This meeting will include refreshers for leaders from the real life discipleship manual, layout

plans for future life group events, encourage leaders with new skills, multiplication concepts, tools for your groups and discussion time regarding our groups. Join us!

If you are interested contact

Charles Wilder or Kurt Mach with questions.



Youth Group is at Charles and April Wilder's home (503 SW Hipkins Ct, Port Orchard, 98367) from 5-6:30pm life group style. We will have a meal the first week of every month and snacks on the other weeks. Contact Charles with questions 360-621-5991.

Women's Prayer Group

Join other women of PCF in prayer 6:30-8pm on the first and third Monday nights of every month.



The group meets at Diane's home.
Contact Diane Smith
(253-970-1568) for additional information.



Budget Presentation

The 2018 Budget Presentation will be held Sunday January 7th just after service. The 2018 Budget vote will be held Sunday January 21st. If you have any questions regarding the budget please contact the deacon team at deacons@welcometopcf.org.

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January 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 PCF Office Closed Life Groups 630pm Women's Prayer Group	2 PCF Office by Appt	3	4	5 Sewing PCF Office Closed 	6 Sewing
7 10am Worship Budget Presentation 5-6:30pm Soulfire	8 Life Groups	9 PCF Office by Appt	10 Life Groups	11 Life Groups 6pm <i>Thrive!</i>	12 PCF Office Closed	13
14 10am Worship 11:45am Life Group Leadership 5-6:30pm Soulfire	15 Life Groups 630pm Women's Prayer Group	16 PCF Office by Appt	17 Life Groups	18 Life Groups 6pm <i>Thrive!</i>	19 PCF Office Closed	20
21 10am Worship Budget Vote 5-6:30pm Soulfire	22 Life Groups	23 PCF Office by Appt	24 Life Groups	25 PCF Office Closed	26 PCF Office Closed	27
28 10am Worship 5-6:30pm Soulfire	29 Life Groups	30 PCF Office by Appt	31 Life Groups			



Anniversaries & Birthdays

1-Bill and Gina Amon, 1992
 6-Yehuda Zabari
 9-Mae Litzenberger, Sheri Sweeny
 13-Jonathan Pierson
 17- Dan Sizemore
 18-Charles Wilder

20-Hannah Bernadelli, Kayla Gustafson
 23-Jason Weron
 25-Jeffery Costanzo
 28-Edilberto Abdalla
30-Robert and Cheryl Miller, 1980