

# CONNECTION POINT

FEBRUARY 2018

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

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The church office will be closed Monday February 19th in observance of New Years Day!

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A cool, soft evening breeze swept through the garden carrying the fragrance of orange blossoms. The scent was always stronger this time of day; subtle and sweet. She closed her eyes and breathed it in. She could almost taste it.

She had no idea how beautiful it was. How could she? There was nothing to compare it with. It was all she had even known. Why would she think of anything different? She had known no discomfort of any sort, never even considered the notion of such a thing. Was she pampered? Obviously. There was no competition. She walked the short distance to a clear, clean spring, slowly eased herself down onto a broad, flat rock and dangled her foot in the water. Closing her eyes again, she exhaled through her nostrils. This is heaven, she thought.

Earlier in the day they had done some pruning on the other side of the property. It brought her pleasure to consider how the vines grew and realize how the cuts they made would direct future growth, even increase the amount of fruit that would be produced. They talked of taking some cuttings to sprout and plant in some fresh earth they were tilling elsewhere. The possibilities seemed endless.

“Here – try this” he said, startling her from her daydream. As she turned to look he extended a piece of fruit in his hand. Reaching to

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take it, it looked familiar, but felt a little different. A hybrid, maybe? She gently caressed it and it flexed just a little under taunt skin, but sprang right back without bruising. She could tell before she bit into it, it would be juicy. Sure enough, as her teeth sank into the lightly textured fleshiness the juice squirted out and ran down her chin. She wiped it with the back of her hand and licked it, too good to let even a drop escape. Looking up again, he was smiling broadly. He had obviously tasted it himself already.

She liked to walk in the garden, especially early in the morning and in the afternoon after their work for the day was completed. She often took different routes through the lovely and varied plants, enjoying the leaves and flowers of some, the shapes and structures of others. They were all so delightful. And the animals. She loved the animals, sometimes stopping to pet a young calf or cub as the contented mamma looked on. She was sure some of them smiled at her.

As she passed the plant they never ate from she glanced at it one day. She was more than a little surprised when one of the beasts spoke to her. "Nice looking, isn't it?" the creature asked. She now looked at it, instead of the fruit. None of them had ever spoken to her before. She looked back at the fruit. It was indeed, very nice looking. Then she looked back to the beast again, the whole thing completely unexpected.

He asked her, "Did God really say you must not eat from any of the trees in the garden?"

She didn't stop to think that God was looking on, she was so distracted by it all. Everyone waited.

As soon as she began to reply to the question the Father, Son and Holy Spirit looked at each other. If she was unsure she could have called to her husband. He wasn't far away. But as she answered on her own, bold in her response, she mistakenly added something to what God had said. And with that the doorway to her mind was open to variation. So, the enemy took the opportunity and just as boldly challenged what God had said. He even suggested He had not, in fact said what He'd said and went on to accuse God of deliberately withholding the greatest goodness from her to prevent her from being equal with Him.

Returning her gaze to the fruit with renewed interest she saw that it was, indeed very nice, and no doubt edible. The thought of becoming as wise as God was enticing, to be sure. She reached out and plucked the fruit, brought it to her mouth, watching it intently as she did and took a bite. It was delicious. She immediately thought, "My husband needs to try this."

The Son of God looked to The Father and said, "There's going to be hell to pay for this."

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## **Skirt/Dress Making in the Student Building**

Friday February 16th 5-9pm and  
Saturday February 17th  
9am-2pm.

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



Are you a part of one yet? There is  
a spot for you!! See fliers in the entry  
way for groups and locations. Be  
sure to check in with the groups  
leader during this holiday season.

Lastly, are you interested in a  
Monday Night Life group? Contact Dennis or  
Aileen Amico (253-851-9689) or the church office  
as the Monday night group has started!



Youth Group is at Charles and April Wilder's home  
(503 SW Hipkins Ct, Port Orchard, 98367) from 5-  
630pm 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.

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No Soulfire Youth on  
Sunday February 4th.

## **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.



## **Hosanna Christian School Open House**

Come see what Hosanna is  
all about. Thursday  
February 8th from  
6-7:30pm.  
253-851-8952  
[hosannachristianschool.org](http://hosannachristianschool.org)





Are you interested in our Connect Class?  
Connect Classes are our welcome to Peninsula  
Christian Fellowship classes and one is coming  
soon! Classes are held for about 45 minutes just  
after one of our Sunday services. If you are  
interested in attending or a just looking for a  
refresher on who we are and what we believe,  
please contact the office by email  
[office@welcometopcf.org](mailto:office@welcometopcf.org)  
or phone 253-851-9972. Date will be posted soon.

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[3114 45th St Ct NW, Gig Harbor WA 98335](http://3114_45th_St_Ct_NW_Gig_Harbor_WA_98335)  
[www.welcometopcf.org](http://www.welcometopcf.org)

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**Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday**

				1 <b>Life Groups</b>  6pm <i>Thrive!</i>	2 PCF Office Closed	3
4 10am Worship No Soulfire	5 <b>Life Groups</b>  630pm Women's Prayer Group	6 PCF Office by Appt	7 <b>Life Groups</b>	8 <b>Life Groups</b> 6-7:30pm HCS Open House 6pm <i>Thrive!</i>  	9 PCF Office Closed	10
11 10am Worship 5-6:30pm Soulfire	12 <b>Life Groups</b>	13 PCF Office by Appt	14 <b>Life Groups</b>	15 <b>Life Groups</b>  6pm <i>Thrive!</i>	16 Sewing  PCF Office Closed  	17 Sewing
18 10am Worship 5-6:30pm Soulfire	19 <b>Life Groups</b>  630pm Women's Prayer Group	20 PCF Office by Appt	21 <b>Life Groups</b>	22 <b>Life Groups</b>  6pm <i>Thrive!</i>	23 PCF Office Closed	24
25 10am Worship 5-6:30pm Soulfire	26 <b>Life Groups</b>	27 PCF Office by Appt	28 <b>Life Groups</b>			

## Anniversaries & Birthdays

1-Heidi Smith  
2-Laura Lease  
3-Arlene Plant  
6-Trish Pierson  
*8-Charles and April Wilder, 2003*  
9-Ashley Field  
11-Tammi Burt

14-Asher Leacy  
16-Eliana Leacy  
19-Heather Leacy  
*19-Ted and Diane Wilder, 1965*  
22-Peggy Hobbs  
27-Bruce Young