

# CONNECTION POINT

DECEMBER 2016

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 Proper Gift

By: Kurt Mach

She was tired when she finished forming the bread she would bake later in the day. Laying a light cloth over the flat loaves she sat for the first time in hours. She could see out the door of their modest home and the soft warmth of joy spread from her heart as she watched her young son playing by his father's workshop. How their life had changed.

He was almost two now; sometimes sitting quietly near her as she went about her endless, daily household tasks, at other times running around their village as if his energy was inexhaustible. After mimicking what he saw his father doing in the small family shop his Dad had given him a set of wooden tools to play with and he would attempt the exact tasks his father performed while crafting or repairing a piece of furniture.

They had both learned to not be surprised when their son popped out with the most unexpected questions while quietly watching them work. His speech development was far beyond that of his playmates, though he conversed at the level of the other children when they were together. Sometimes his parents struggled to answer him; still viewing him as a toddler when his profound, probing questions sought an explanation geared more to adults.

Enjoying some rest between the midday meal and their return to work the sound of large animals outside drew them to their feet.

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They came through the door into the yard just as the first of three camels was crouching down to allow its rider to dismount. They were obviously wealthy men alighting from the beasts. Both the riders and the creatures they rode could not have been more out of place.

Joseph and Mary stood in silence as the three men each retrieved differing packages from the cargo slung from their saddles. The visitors looked at each other, nodded as if in agreement, then proceeded toward them slowly, shoulder to shoulder. Young Jeshua stood at his father's side. Drawing close, the three men bowed in unison, then the one in the center took three steps closer before speaking.

Announcing their names and places of origin he turned his eyes first to the boy, then back to his father and said, "We have come to worship the one born King of The Jews. May we come in?"

Joseph and Mary looked at each other as prophetic visions more than two years old flooded their minds. They remembered their son's birth on that most unusual night. He nodded to his wife, who retreated inside, then bowed to his guests and gestured to the door as he said, "Please join us."

Once inside the distinguished guests lowered themselves to the floor on crossed legs. Then, beginning with the one who first spoke they rose, one at a time, approached the boy and kneeled with their forehead touching the floor; their gift in outstretched arms, placing and leaving it in front of him. Each man stated simply what his gift was before rising and returning to the others. Once done the spokesman explained in the briefest of terms how they had come to present their offerings. It would not be long before the family fled to Egypt, their journey and stay well financed by the gifts.

Jesus grew, lived, served, died and returned to heaven where He came from. He is coming back for all who believe in Him and entrust our lives to His loving care, both now and forever. Though He is the personal power of the entire universe He created, He remains the humble servant He demonstrated Himself to be throughout His earthly, human life. What gifts will we bring Him? God does not ask us to give what we do not have. Yet He has gifted each of us with deposits of Himself we can use to no greater good than to present them in service to Him and to others for their benefit, just as He did.

Seek all of Him you can and give all you can to Him and others in His behalf. This is Christmas.

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## Hope Tree

Join us in supporting A Place Called Hope and Nana's House through our Hope Tree! Please return unwrapped donations by December 11th. Money envelopes can be placed in the box outside of the church office.



This Christmas Season we will be celebrating by having our Christmas Eve Service at 7pm. Christmas Day we pray you and your family enjoy the day together and we will see you again Sunday January 1, 2017. Because of our difference in services this holiday season we will hold an offering time during our Christmas Eve Service.



A night of worship  
& prayer

December 10, 2016  
@ 6 pm at PCF

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If you are wanting to have your contributions applied to the 2016 tax year please make sure that your checks are turned in to the office or postmarked by December 31st. If you are donating via Tithe.ly please make sure to make your donation by end of day December 31st.

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Join us in blessing a family in need this holiday season. Fliers for names of those in need can be found in the bulletin or in the church entry way. Please turn in names for baskets by December 4th. Baskets will be delivered December 17th. There will be a special offering for the baskets held December 4th.

12/4—**Dinner at the Wilders** 5-6:30pm

For more information contact Charles or April (360)-621-5991. Our home address is 503 SW Hipkins Ct Port Orchard, 98367.

12/11—**Outreach week—Caroling** Time: TBD

12/18—**White Elephant Gift Exchange** 5-6:30pm

Join us in the Student Ministry Building for our annual gift exchange. We will have food and dessert. Bring a wrapped white elephant gift to participate. Bring a friend!

12/25—No Soulfire Youth Group

1/1—No Soulfire Youth Group

*Advent*  
*Hope · Love · Joy · Peace*



During the last two weeks of December the office hours will be very limited. If you need to communicate with the church office please use email [office@welcometopcf.org](mailto:office@welcometopcf.org)

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# December 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 <b>Life Groups</b>  6pm <i>Thrive!</i>	2 PCF Office Closed	3
4 10am Worship 5-630pm Soulfire @ Wilder's  	5	6 PCF Office By Appt  <b>Life Groups</b>	7 <b>BC to AD</b>	8 <b>Life Groups</b>  6pm <i>Thrive!</i>	9 PCF Office Closed	10 6pm LYFT
11 10am Worship TBD Soulfire  Hope Tree Items Due 	12 <b>Life Groups</b>	13 PCF Office By Appt  <b>Life Groups</b>	14 <b>BC to AD</b>	15 <b>Life Groups</b>  6pm <i>Thrive!</i>	16 PCF Office Closed	17
18 10am Worship 5-630pm Soulfire White Elephant	19	20 PCF Office By Appt  <b>Life Groups</b>	21	22 <b>Life Groups</b>  6pm <i>Thrive!</i>	23 PCF Office Closed	24 7pm Candlelight Service  
25  	26 <b>Life Groups</b>	27 PCF Office By Appt  <b>Life Groups</b>	28	29 <b>Life Groups</b>  6pm <i>Thrive!</i>	30 PCF Office Closed	31  

Make sure to check with the groups leader during the holiday season to see when each group is meeting. Check out the fliers next to the information table in the entryway for contact information and maps to each Life Group location.

**Key Peninsula**  
Tuesdays 6:30-8pm  
**Gig Harbor/Downtown**  
Tuesdays 6:30-8pm  
**Tacoma**  
2nd and 4th Mondays 6:30-8pm  
**Gig Harbor/Artondale**  
Thursdays 7-8:30pm  
**Port Orchard**  
Thursdays 6:30-8pm

## Anniversaries & Birthdays

3-Mindy Bothwell  
4-Jon Frederick Breed  
7-Peter Bernadelli  
11-Nathalie Pierson  
12-Olivia Breed  
20-Julie Porter  
27-Darrel and Maggie Becker, 1980