

GREETINGS FROM CHAPEL BY THE SEA

WORSHIP IN THE CHAPEL EVERY SUNDAY AT 10:30 AM



*Bringing God's Inclusive, Affirming, Welcoming Love
To All As We Work For Justice And Peace.*

(Chapel by the Sea Mission Statement adopted 2017)

God bless to us this new year and new decade!

Sundays in January 2020 - Pastor Linda preaching

January 5 - Communion Sunday - Matthew 2:1-2

Our first worship of the new year focused on Epiphany of the Lord when God revealed the Christ Child to the whole world. We pray the light of Christ will illumine God's word for us as we are led by the Spirit to live into the invitation by PCUSA to be a MATTHEW 25 church.

pcusa.org/matthew25

January 12 - Matthew 3:13-17 - Baptism of the Lord - Discipleship

January 19 - Matthew 14:1-12 - Cost of Discipleship

January 26 - Matthew 14:12-2 - Calling Disciples - Installation/Ordination of Elders

A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING was held after worship on January 5, 2020.

- Two new ruling elders were elected Joann DeGrasse and Connie Jones. Our new officers will be installed/ordained during worship on January 26.
- The budget for 2020 was received with a faith goal of \$69,700

- The pastor's terms of call were approved with an annual salary increase of \$1,993 to bring the remuneration up to presbytery minimum for a 24 hour per week part-time clergy position.

A 2019 narrative report was mailed to all members and friends in December along with a pledge form.

Thank you for your continuing support as we take this leap of faith to fund our ministry. Copies of the above are available from Treasurer, Ed Tegenfeldt.

VITAL CONGREGATIONS INITIATIVE BEGINS

The pastor cohort meets with presbytery staff and facilitators on January 12. The chapel's session will retreat on Sunday, February 9, from 12- 2 pm to plan. Church-wide study of the Seven Marks of Vitality begins with Lent on February 26.

“Congregational vitality is not determined by the size of a church or its budget, but by a church's faithfulness in demonstrating the love and justice of Jesus. One good test of a congregation's vitality is to see how its members and neighbors answer the question, If this church were to close, who would miss it and why?” When a congregation is committed to the work and witness of Jesus Christ, its mission becomes an essential part of the local community.

This is the example set by Jesus. He would gather his followers, teaching them and modeling a very different way of life. Then, out of compassion for those in need, he would send them out in mission to teach, heal and confront evil (see Matthew 9-10). This rhythm of gathering and scattering is at the heart of worship and service of the church: We learn from Jesus and are sent out, then return to experience more of God's reign of justice, hope and peace. Congregational vitality arises from the development and practice of faith. It leads to church growth and the development of new disciples...”

From PCUSA Matthew 25 Bible Study p 7

The Vital Congregations Initiative is a two-year process designed to help us become a more vital congregation; see pcusa.org/vitalcongregation

CHAPEL CALENDAR

MONDAYS - AA evening group meets at 7 pm in the chapel hall.

TUESDAYS - NA evening group meets at 7:30 pm in the chapel hall. Contact Dennis
360.986.0815

Third Tuesdays North Beach Food Bank 9 - 11 am outside Firestation #8.

LAST THURSDAY IN JANUARY meet at Seagate 5-7 PM for Food &
Friendship

JANUARY 25, 2020 - ROBERT BURNS SUPPER (Scottish poet 1759-1796) who's
Immortal Memory is still celebrated today the world over. Friends of Chapel by the Sea are
hosting their first BURNS SUPPER at the Galway Banquet Room, 880 Point Brown Ave. NE,
Ocean Shores, WA from 6 -8 pm. **Call 206.679-3553** for further information and to reserve a
seat by January 17, 2020.

Should auld acquaintance be forgot?

SAVE THE DATE: JUNE 28, 2020 - 60th anniversary for Chapel by the
Sea.

Planning meeting after worship on Sunday, January 26 at 12 noon. Send us
your photos, stories, prayers and blessings from the past decade for the
memory book.

PRAYER LIST - Gracious God for those known to us and for those known only to you.

Lord in your mercy...

Jim Adkins, chemotherapy for stage 4 cancer

Penny Adkins recovering strength to help husband Jim

Christy, neighbor of Phyllis, stage 4 cancer.

Kristy Preheim that health may be restored

Jeff, son-in-law of Phyllis Shaughnessy

Suzanne's health, Tavia, Tara, Kim, Becky Gilbertson, Amy, Corkie

For the chapel member & friends participating in the Vital Congregations Initiative
along with 9 other churches in our presbytery.

Chapel session members as they meet to plan.

Hagar's Community Church (Washington Corrections Center for Women in Gig Harbor) a
prison ministry of our presbytery

*16 Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that
you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. James
5:16*

In Christ's Ministry,

Pastor Linda

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