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Barbara Roetcisoender, Financial Secretary  
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## PARSON TO PERSON

*by Interim Pastor Will Mason*

Hold up your hands if you are anxious for Spring. Me too. I long for those sunny days which are filled with hope, life and love. Our personal lives insert holidays which celebrate relationships like Mother's Day, (May 8), Holocaust Remembrance Day, (May 1), the National Day of Prayer, (May 5), and Memorial Day, (May 30). The Mason household will celebrate a marriage with the wedding for Camille and Josh on May 29.

Life will be busy for us. It will be a bittersweet time as we prepare to say goodbye to the Camille we knew and hello to the Camille we will know. It is a change we celebrate with a few tears.

It is fitting that all this is happening in the Spring. Change includes the dying to the past and the birth of a new identity. Rose Hill has been experiencing a new birth for some time. Since Pastor Bill announced the date of his retirement, you all have been preparing for change.

Soon you will elect a pastor nominating committee and start the search for your next pastor. How exciting! Like the new tulips and the baby birds, this search will quicken our hearts with expectation. Who will God send to our Church? How will they contribute to our church mission? Will they be astounding in the pulpit, and down home in the hallway?

I pray that you will plug in your family doings to the church events of Spring. Let God's Sunshine prepare your attitude for change. It's going to be a fantastic time together!

In Christ,

*Will*

# Session News

Session met in April to conduct the business of the church.

The Rose Hill Mission Statement was approved to be used with the next phase for our transition process in seeking the new Senior Pastor for Rose Hill. The Nominating Committee is currently seeking the Holy Spirit's leading in the consideration of people to serve on the Pastor Nominating Committee.

Rev. Ranney will be serving Holy Communion at the Women's Retreat May 22nd.

The Gideons will be making a presentation at the May 1st worship service.

Rev. David Emery of Bridge Disability Ministries will be providing a Moment for Mission as well as preaching from our pulpit on May 15th.

Membership Committee will be re-organized to form two standing committees:

1) Outreach Committee - whose focus will be evangelism in our local area – spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ outside the walls of Rose Hill. To be chaired by Brad Hurte.

2) Membership Committee - whose focus will remain with our members – encouraging them in the growth of Christian fellowship and development. To be chaired by Tom Ellis.

Finance Committee will be assisting all standing committees in our budgeting process by providing a revenue forecast so that budgets can be more accurately developed for the coming year.

General Fund	March	YTD	YTD Budget
Pledges	\$26,848.20	\$83,548.71	\$89,952.00
Loose Offerings	2,641.36	14,537.33	16,302.30
Misc. Income	366.22	2,403.92	0.00
Parking Lot Lease	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Revenues	29,855.78	100,489.96	106,254.30
Total Expenses	34,366.59	104,979.97	106,254.30
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(4,510.81)	(4,490.01)	

Please keep the Nominating Committee in your prayers as they seek God's leading in forming the Rose Hill Pastor Seeking Committee!

## Outreach Wants You!

Session has formed a new Outreach Committee, and that committee is looking for you Rose Hill saints for whom sharing your faith is as natural as breathing! We know you're out there. The Outreach Committee is charged with evangelism in our local community; bringing the gospel to people who need it, and bringing those people to Rose Hill so they can be made part of our loving family. We're the "Invite" part of our new mission statement. We have some ideas on how to get started, but we need your special gifts. Contact Brad Hurte when the Holy Spirit tugs on you to get involved. Watch the bulletin, web site, and announcements for more information on meeting times. *"Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity."* (Col 4:5)

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

## May 2011

### Birthdays

4	Deb Millett Suzanne Pippel
6	Sally Ellis
8	Susan Lindh
9	Margaret Agee
10	Kimberly Patterson
13	Jimmy Seifert Joshua Campbell
15	Loretta Fast Connie Gesell Amanda Hartnell
16	Bud Gesell
17	Grant Buckingham
18	Elizabeth Stahlheber
20	Russell Patrick Renee Ochoa
23	Margaret Cowitz Ron Linn
28	Jim Peterson
30	Brandon Browning Rebekah McCandless
31	Daniel Agee

### Anniversaries

1	Mike & Bonnie Ellis
3	Aaron & Zulema Pardo
14	Bob & Jeanne Harshbarger
17	Robert & Marian Kenney
21	Richard & Charlotte Grant
31	Chuck & Joyce Hansen

# Rose Hill Youth Activities

Spring is a time of new life and is an incredibly busy time for the youth of Rose Hill. Here are the details of what is coming soon!

## 1st Wednesday Dinners

These monthly dinners, together with King's Kids, families and other church members, have become a highlight for many in the church.

May 4th - Hosted by Ron and Barbara Lince

June 1st - This will be a cookout at the church.

## Youth Mission Retreat

We will join several other church groups at Lake Retreat, May 6-7, as we prepare for our summer mission outreach.

## Youth Sunday

May 29th will be a special Sunday at Rose Hill as our youth lead us in worship, sharing their heart for God, their gifts of ministry and their joy of life. Plan to join us for a wonderful time of worship.



## KNOW A GRADUATE?

June is the time we recognize our seniors graduating from high school, college, and graduate school. Please let us know if you have a family member graduating this spring. Contact Sheryl at office@rosehillpc.org.

## Graduate Recognition

During worship on May 29th, we will recognize those in the church family who have reached the milestone of graduation from high school, college or graduate school.

## Mission Trip Silent Auction

June 5-12 will be our silent auction as we support our youth in their mission trip this summer. Please see the donation form below, for more details. Clip it out and turn it in!

## Senior Dinner

Wednesday, June 8th will be the day we treat our high school graduates to dinner at their favorite restaurant. We will meet at the church at 5:45pm

*Doug*

**YOUTH MISSION**  
**AUCTION DONATIONS**

**Suggested Items**  
New Items  
Collectible Items  
Services  
Event Tickets  
Other Usable Items

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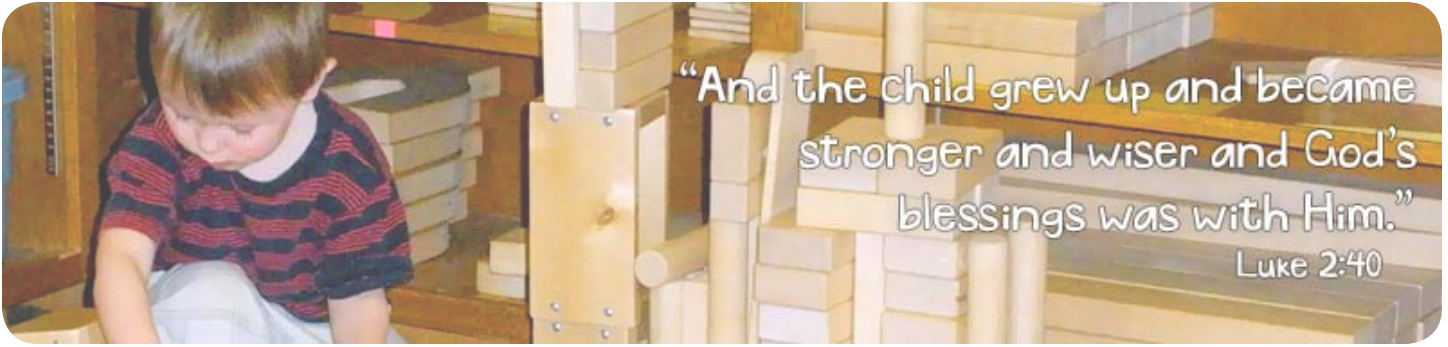
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Minimum Bid (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

**Questions?**  
**Contact Doug Ranney**  
**Phone 425-827-4649**  
**E-mail: doug@rosehillpc.org**  
**Please return this form to Doug**  
**or the church office!**



“And the child grew up and became stronger and wiser and God’s blessings was with Him.”

Luke 2:40



# Rose Hill Christian Preschool

a ministry of Rose Hill Presbyterian Church

Hello Everyone,

April has just flown by. It finally looks like spring, all the flowers out, the birds singing, and bees buzzing, now if it would just warm up and be sunny! Our students need to be outside in the fresh air! We are so very blessed to have the gym to play in this year with our rainy days.

This is a busy time of year for the staff ready for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Expectations for moving on to kindergarten have changed over the years. When I was a kindergartner, I was learning how to write my name, play with others, sharing and having fun making new friends. Today, our young children facing kindergarten have many skills they are already expected to have mastered. They are expected to be able to write their names, count to 30, and recognize both letters and numbers. They need to be classroom ready, in other words, know how to pay attention, follow directions, and ask for help.

Today, kindergarten is now considered by some to be the ‘new 1st grade.’ Many parents feel stressed

and worried about how their young children will do in the new academic world they are entering.

Studies have shown that it is the students that are confident and well adjusted both emotionally and socially that do the best in the long term. It is our job here at Rose Hill Christian Preschool to prepare our students to face these challenges. Our focus is and always will be, first - on the emotional, social and spiritual development of our students. We work to help our students grow to love God, others and themselves. We want them to be excited about learning and discovery.

I am reading a book about having a thankful outlook as a Christian in everyday life. One concept talked about is the fact that we can never achieve perfection; we can only practice towards that goal. I like that concept not only as a Christian, but as a teacher as well. Practice in this life does not make perfect. When I see my actions as being practice in moving towards a goal, then failure

is not a part of the process. Mistakes become stepping-stones instead of obstacles, a positive part of the journey instead of failure. I can then experience grace and mercy instead of shame and judgment.

My goal as a teacher is to work along side my students in a way that will reflect that kind of daily grace for each of them. I want them to know that God loves and cares for them each and every moment, no matter what they do or say. After all, we are all just practicing life.

Blessings,  
Karin Darragh



## Kids Ministry

by Wendy Markham

As I listen to our families talk about school, homework, time constraints, etc., I wonder about children who do not have supportive families to help them through their school years. How do they succeed in school? Where do they receive their help?

I wonder what children do when they come home from school and parents are at work. What if they need help with their homework? What if they need a healthy snack and someone to listen to them?

What about the parents struggling to make ends meet and arriving home with barely enough time to make dinner and get kids off to bed let alone help with homework? What if English is your family's second language and you can't help your children with their homework?

I have wondered a lot about this lately and have wondered whether the Lord is calling me to help in some way. I have this vision of a place for children to come after school where they can receive a healthy snack, a place where they can play some active games, a place where they can unwind through reading or art, a place where they can receive help with homework and tutoring, a place where they can experience God's love and hear the Good News. In short: a place that nourishes the mind, body and spirit.

Is this something you also wonder about? Is this something you hear God speaking to you about? Is this something you have a heart for? If it is, I would love to begin exploring this vision with others of like mind. Perhaps if we put our heads and hearts together God will reveal to us that this is something He has a plan for here at Rose Hill.

*"Call on Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know". Jeremiah 33:3*

Wendy

### You can help in Children's Ministry – give me a call.

- 1) Assist Director with Database (Filemaker Pro for Macintosh).
- 2) Upkeep children's activity bags in sanctuary.
- 3) Volunteer one Sunday a month in the nursery (immediate opening).
- 4) Volunteer one Sunday a month in the preschool (2 immediate openings).
- 5) Coordinate preschool volunteer staff, maintain room and materials (immediate opening).
- 6) Become involved in Godly Play, our faith learning in the Children's Worship Center.
- 7) Volunteer to help prepare for, provide for, or serve during Vacation Bible School (VBS).
- 8) Help put together a manual for volunteers.
- 9) Pray for our children and their families, our teachers and other volunteers and especially for the neighborhood children and their families we do not yet know.

# DEACONS' DOINGS

## March Minutes:

The Deacons agreed to get Easter cards out to those from our congregation in the military as well as to deliver Easter baskets to those related to our congregation needing groceries. Miriam Gesell has the Parish Plan up and running with new leaders trained. 23 people were sent cards and 12 church members were visited. Deacons reevaluated those who may need visitations and/or rides. In February, the Deacons fund had expenses of \$300 offset by income of \$275. The Messenger deadline was too early to report for the April 26th meeting. Look for our new "Deacon's Brochure" in the Narthex.

## Verse:

"If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness." Isaiah 58:10

## Deacon's Collection Boxes MAY = Boxed Dinners & Canned Meats, Rice & Dry Beans

Mixes and helpers along with tuna and chicken can make an entree with your help.

Spring loose of clothing you do not need.

Thanks for being there.

Please make sure items have not reached their expiration date and that all clothing is in good condition.

## Women's Book Group



We'll meet on May 23rd at 7:15pm to discuss My Name Is Asher Lev by Jewish writer, Chaim Potak. This classic book is considered profound in its vision of humanity, of religion, and of art but tragic, too. Our hostess is Katy Norman. Remember to bring a suggestion for our new reading list for fall. For our last meeting in June, we'll review School of Essential Ingredients (a food story) by Erica Bauermeister. Questions? Call Sue Mateer at (425) 822-2790.

## Women's Ministries

You don't want to miss the Annual Women's Retreat on May 20-22! Our speaker will be Joan Ray. Joan grew up here at Rose Hill, the daughter of Barbara Clark. She worked as the director of Women's Ministries at Calvary Chapel in Spokane and has a wonderful gift for teaching.

Joan has a wonderful Bible study planned for us based on the "I am's" of Jesus's teachings.

We will have a great weekend starting Friday Evening and ending with lunch on Sunday. Come prepared for spiritual growth, rest, fellowship, crafts and games.

As a mission project, we will be collecting travel size toiletries to donate to Mary's Place for the homeless women they serve. Registration will be available beginning May 1st.

## A Special Thank You

Dear Church Family,  
I cannot believe that it has been just over a month since my birthday celebration. This is overdue, but at 100, I am slowing down a bit! All my relatives are now returned to Canada and Australia and I am trying to get my thank you notes out. I want to thank Pastor Will and Pastor Doug and Pastor Bill. Barb Patrick, who did a lovely job on the organ and to Tim Wertz for recommending her. A special thank you to Mary Lou and her kitchen staff for the beautiful set up of the social hall, it was just perfect. A big thank you to Janet Hargett for recommending the piper and especially for the girls who looked just lovely in their kilts and danced wonderfully. It was a wonderful celebration that my mind returns to often. The biggest thank you is to all my dear friends and family who came to help me celebrate! You are all part of the blessings that I count when I "Count my Blessings." I pray to God and thank God for the many blessings that He has given me through grace.

Margaret (Peggy) Dederick

## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER



This day will be observed by Rose Hill Presbyterian Church with a service on:

Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 pm.

The service will begin and end in the sanctuary with the main portion being devoted to small-group prayer, focusing on the seven centers of power in our country. Please join us for this opportunity for corporate prayer on a subject that concerns us all.

## God at work beyond our doors...

Bridge Disability Ministries is a local ministry formed by a Presbyterian minister to help people with physical and/or developmental disabilities. It includes helping them with mobility, having them included in community and church life and thereby enriching the community. On the Board since Bridge Ministries began in 1987 Mike McDonald, a life-time member of Rose Hill, is a friend to all who will take the time to be his friend. Also an avid sports fan, Mike has been gainfully employed locally in computer work and knows first hand the difficulties faced by people who are disabled.

The Rev. Dr. David Emery is Director for Care Ministries and chaplain at Bridge Ministries. Early in April Dave met with Rose Hill's Missions Committee and shared with us several issues including their concern for families in transition. These are families helped by Bridge Ministries. Of particular concern is the transitioning of newly turned 18-year-olds into employment. Programs include mobility, providing wheel chairs where necessary, spiritual care and guardianship. Bridge is court-appointed legal guardian of 40 people with incapacitating developmental disabilities, which includes the responsibility for the decisions affecting each individual like legal and medical issues. While taking the responsibility of guardianship, Bridge seeks to maximize the independence, and power of choice, of each client.

For information on how to pray for, volunteer your time to, or donate to Bridge, go to [www.bridgemin.org](http://www.bridgemin.org). Contact information: Phone: 425-885-1006; Mobility: 425-885-1008; and Email: [bridge@bridgemin.org](mailto:bridge@bridgemin.org).

## This Month

1	12:15 pm	Parish Meet & Greet
2	7:00 pm	Youth & Finance Cmtes
3	6:00 pm	Personnel Cmte
	7:00 pm	Children's Ministries, Worship & Music, Membership Cmtes
	7:15 pm	Missions Cmte
	7:30 pm	Building & Grounds Cmte
4	8:30 am	Preschool Spring Tea (1)
	6:00 pm	Youth & King's Kids Dinner
5	10:30 am	Preschool Spring Tea (2)
	2:00 pm	Preschool Spring Tea (3)
	2:30 pm	Emeritus Ministry
	6:00 pm	BSF Seminar
	6:30 pm	National Day of Prayer Service
6 - 7		<b>Youth Mission Retreat</b>
	5:00 pm	Antioch Marriage Seminar
7	8:00 am	Antioch Marriage Seminar
	9:30 am	Altrusa
10	7:00 pm	Session
14	8:00 am	Emotional Coaching Seminar
	9:00 am	Church Work Party
15	12:00 pm	Social Hour
18	11:30 am	Senior Luncheon
20 - 22		<b>Women's Retreat</b>
21	1:30 pm	Boy Scout Eagle Court of Honor
24	7:00 pm	Deacon's Meeting
29	11:00 am	Youth & Graduate Sunday

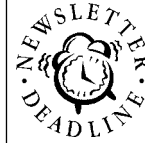
## Weekly

<b>S</b>	9:30am	Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship Service
<b>M</b>	10:00am	Piecemakers
	5:30pm	Bible Study Fellowship
<b>T</b>	9:30am	Ladies of the Lord
	6:30pm	Belltones
<b>W</b>	5:30am	Men's Prayer Breakfast
	6:00pm	The Underground
		King's Kids
		Women of Faith
	8:00pm	Praise Ringers
<b>T</b>	10:00am	Men's Coffee
	2:30pm	Emeritus Ministry
	7:00pm	Boy Scouts
		Chancel Choir
<b>F</b>	9:30am	Women's Bible Study
<b>S</b>	6:15am	BSF Leader Training

**Monday, May 30th**  
**The church office will be**  
**closed in recognition of**  
**Memorial Day**

# Senior Luncheon

**May 18**  
**at**  
**11:30am.**



Next Messenger articles due:

**Monday,**  
**May 16th**

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