



Following Jesus

When we Christians speak of “following Jesus” or being a “disciple of Jesus,” what do you think of? What does it mean to be a Disciple of Jesus? Interestingly, Merriam-Webster’s (online) defines it like this:

“One who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another: such as

- a: Christianity: one of the twelve in the inner circle of Christ's followers according to the Gospel accounts.
- b: a convinced adherent of a school or individual”

Did you catch that? “Accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another.” It’s about the one a person follows, and then inviting others to follow, as well. The dictionary even uses us Jesus followers as its example!

I think at Rose Hill we “accept” and understand the doctrines of our faith. I’m not saying you don’t have questions or that there aren’t things you don’t fully understand. Nonetheless, we’ve said “yes” to Jesus’ invitation to follow him, and we trust him as we do so.

I think sometimes we’re hesitant about “assists in spreading.” Interestingly, not only does the word “disciple” mean this, but Jesus makes it a point of emphasis in his teachings. He models it himself as he invites people to follow him, and he invites/commands his disciples to do the same – we see this throughout the Gospels.

I realize that talking about matters of faith can feel awkward in some relationships. The person you’re talking to knows you’d like to invite them to church, or talk to them about Jesus, the moment you share anything about your faith. And if they just aren’t interested, then it can feel weird. Or maybe you aren’t sure about what you’d say if they asked questions.

You know what, though? I cannot recall losing a friend by just inviting them to church. I usually keep it simple: “Hey, this Sunday we’re doing _____, and I’m wondering if you’d like to come.” Or “This Sunday is special because _____ is happening at church, and I think you (or your kids) would really enjoy it.” The blank line can be any of a number of things: A waterslide at church, a concert, a class, a sermon series, a baptism, Easter, Christmas, etc.

A few are coming up: Kick-off Sunday and a church softball game (9/12), and Back to Church Sunday (9/19). Who could you invite? It’s part of being a follower of Jesus, and sharing him with others is a joy. So: what are you waiting for? Why don’t you invite someone today, to join you this Sunday? It’s part of being a disciple.

Your Pastor,

Brian



RHKIDZ

Gwen North, Children's and Family Ministry Director

It is going to be a great year of faith development for our families. When we hang out beside our other church kids and learn about the important stories of the Bible, pray, and share our faith we are truly blessed. Don't let the business of life pull you away from this practice of Sabbath worship and rest. Church is a time of celebration of faith development. We will have Sunday School on Sundays, and Kings Kidz on the first Wednesday evening of each month. Reach out to me if I can be praying for you in this time. I look forward to seeing you in church! See below for some really awesome things that are planned for your clan!

** The church will continue to follow the CDC's mask wearing policy. **

In Christ,
Gwen
gwen@rosehillpc.org



Kings Kidz is Coming!

This grades 1-5 discipleship group will meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 6:30-8pm for this school year. We are going to be starting with playing games, praying for one another, and studying the Armor of God which will parallel the parent study starting in October on Monday evenings. The first meeting will be September 1st!!!!

Volunteers Needed!

Now that we are ramping up ministry opportunities, please consider serving our church in Children's Ministry. We have the most special kiddos in the world at Rose Hill!

Contact gwen@rosehillpc.org for more information.



We Love You, Fall Sunday School!

There will be Sunday School during both services beginning September 12th. Families will start together in worship service, then the children will be dismissed before the sermon to go upstairs for a special Bible teaching time.



All Church Softball Game

Sunday
September 12
at 3pm

Find your glove and join us at Spinney Park for our All Church Softball game!

11710 NE 100th St, Kirkland



Paul Hudson, Director of Emerge Youth Group

Rose Hill Church Friendly Softball Game

Sunday, Sept 12th, 3pm

Spinney Park
11710 NE 100th St, Kirkland

Let's Play Ball!



All are invited to the all-church softball game at Spinney Park. Come on out and enjoy a little friendly competition and a whole lot of fun in a pickup game of softball. Teams will be organized on that day with whoever comes out to play. Please let Paul Hudson know if you can come so we can see if we have enough for 2 teams.

Come to church first, then come out to play! 😊



FOOD TRUCK!!!

We will have a food truck in the parking lot for BTC Sunday!

Come get a bite to eat and support a local, small business and its employees!

Service of Liturgy and Eucharist in September and October.



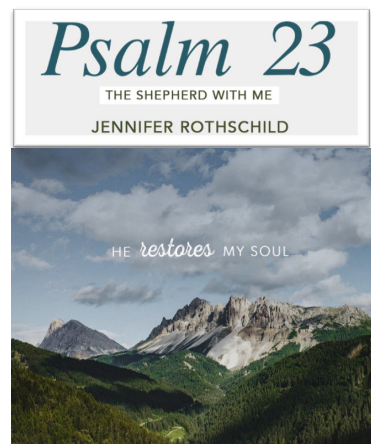
Rose Hill Church is offering a Service of Liturgy and Eucharist on Wednesday September 15th and October 20th. This service will include traditional liturgy, Scripture, prayer, communion, the anointing of oil for the sick. It will begin at 7pm and will be led by Rev. Gwen North. The service will be a short service for the church and community of believers in the sanctuary. Please feel welcome if this opportunity interests you.

FELLOWSHIP & DISCIPLESHIP

Monica Ernsberger, Director



LOL will be continuing our study on Psalm 23 beginning Tuesday, Sept. 7th at 9:30 am with a review of the completed half of our study. We will be meeting on zoom.



Join us as we:

- Gain fresh insight and encouragement from the Shepherd Psalm
- Explore the depths of *God's compassionate care*
- Trade the myth of self-reliance for the *truth of God's providence*
- Banish fear as you *trust the Good Shepherd's goodness* for every season of life

If you would like to join us, please contact Elaine Wertz for more information at elaine@rosehillpc.org.

JOIN US – And invite a friend!



Women's Ministry

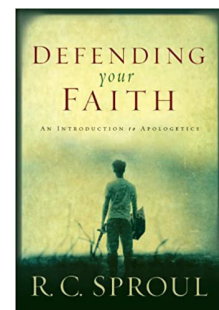
We will be discussing events for the year and hear from one of our missionaries, Angie DeLange, on this year's theme around connection and motivating one another, Hebrews 10:23-24. Please sign up if you plan to attend. A sign up sheet will be available at the Information Desk, or you can email us at WM@rosehillpc.org.

"Defending Your Faith" series will help prepare us to give a logical and biblical defense of our faith. It's not too late to join us!

Monday nights via Zoom
7pm - (about) 8:15pm

(We will not meet on 9/6, Labor Day)

Please contact Andy Padvorac for the link.
andypadvo@gmail.com



SESSION

Brad Hurte, Clerk of Session

Session met a couple of times this summer to discern God's will for His church here at Rose Hill.

Among the business discussed this summer were much needed repairs to the bus barn roof and to curbs and asphalt in the parking lot, particularly the end leased to Honda. These are paid for largely from the lease, and we appreciate the partnership with this business, which also takes care of our sizable Kirkland surface water management fee annually.

By the time you read this, we will have held a Called Congregational Meeting to restore a health insurance benefit to the Pastor. He had been covered by Gwen's employer for the last couple of years, so had declined the church coverage. That situation has changed, and since the Pastor's compensation is the Congregation's responsibility, a vote was required to approve Session's recommendation that this benefit be restored to him. Thank you to all who participated.

Session allocated funds to participate in an ECO Church Transformation Cohort, beginning this Fall. This program trains pastors and church leaders in bringing renewed vitality to congregations, and is part of Session's commitment to invest in training and outside expertise to help Rose Hill flourish. Elders are continuing to seek God's guidance on what a flourishing Rose Hill Church will look like as we transition (safely) out of these pandemic times and over the next 5-10 years.

June finances looked like this:

Income	June	YTD Actuals	2021 Budget
Pledges	\$19,337.00	\$144,158.27	\$274,176.00
Loose Offering/Other Giving	\$16,689.62	\$83,069.45	\$203,000.00
Total Operating Donations	\$36,026.62	\$227,227.72	\$477,176.00
Total Operating Expenses	\$39,839.89	\$216,734.29	\$505,572.00
Surplus/(Shortfall)	(\$8,813.27)	\$10,493.43	(\$28,396.00)

Please continue pray for those impacted and traumatized by the pandemic, particularly during the Delta surge. Our God is sovereign and we can trust Him. God bless you and thank you for your faithful prayers.

DEACONS

Roy McIntosh, Moderator

Deacon's Doings: Your Deacons began meeting again in person and on Zoom in August. During the July-August interval 5 notes were sent, 26 calls and 17 visits made to those on the Deacon's Prayer List. Those who were not on the Prayer list also received calls and visits from your Deacons. In July, Jim & Jane Peterson hosted a memorial service honoring Chuck Emery. Doug Richard, our liaison with the Woodinville Storehouse, was able, thanks to your generosity, to deliver a \$1100 check to the Back-To School fund. Another highlight of our summer was a July picnic hosted by Linda Holbrook. It was well attended and enjoyed by all. With the recent upswing in COVID cases, our telephone calls and notes continue, but visits are usually by appointment. A coordinator is still needed for Teacup Ministries. Please contact Roy McIntosh if you would like to serve in this very important ministry. Finally, please let a Deacon know if you or someone you know needs to be included on the Deacon's Prayer List.

GLOBAL OUTREACH

Larry and Andrea Ciccarelli (Amani and Shireen) are back in Canada. Amani starts university in September and Shireen looks to finish her last two years of high school. "We are glad to be near our parents to be more of a support for them at this time. As for our work, we continue to work with partners in many countries!" For example, in late July Larry helped to finish up audio recording, doing "proof-listening" over Zoom... we'll be recording a number of Old Testament stories.

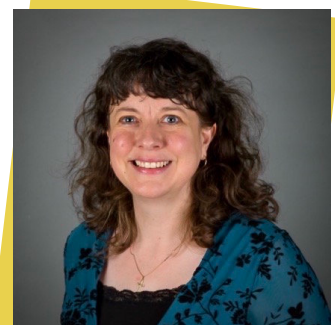


They thank us for the continued encouragement and support, and ask prayer that they find good housing and school solutions!



Things are looking up for **Ray and Angie De Lange** and family, ministering to a Middle Eastern people group in Vancouver BC! Ray finally had multiple-time delayed hip replacement surgery in July and is doing well with recovery and rehab. They were able to travel to Michigan (Ray's home state) for a much-appreciated visit and chance for R and R. They praise God for the evangelism and discipleship opportunities He has given them and as us to pray for a new ministry opportunity – that God would guide and bless this path if it is His will.

Karen Erickson is off to her new school, flying out of Seattle on 9/1 and arriving in Amman 9/3. She is excited to begin her new role as Teacher Mentor Coordinator and Curriculum Coordinator at Whitman Academy. The past two years have been difficult, physically and emotionally, as she missed her students and colleagues in St. Petersburg (and couldn't even go to say "goodbye") and dealt with (now resolved!) medical issues. Praise God, that is behind her now. She sends us, " A HUGE thank-you for all of your encouragement and support. I pray the Father blesses you richly. As I take another leap of faith to serve in Jordan, I continue to covet your prayer covering and support. Thank you!"



September Birthdays

4 Katy Norman	21 Paul Hudson
10 Sandra Adair	Tim Weltz
Mary Lovett	23 Susan Carr
17 Linda McIntosh	24 Tom Ellis
18 Joan Cram	26 Hailey North
20 Elliott North	29 Kristin White



September Anniversaries

1 Valerie & Colin Gordon
6 Brian & Gwen North
10 Shelley & Michael Nagel
17 John & Mary Hart



The Storehouse Food Bank

The Storehouse food bank (<https://www.woodinvillestorehouse.org>) is looking for the following:

Produce Shoppers - He or she shops for fresh produce, delivers it to the Storehouse and places it on the shelves and in the refrigerators. For more information contact Della Haug at 206-999-1753 or dellahaug@hotmail.com.

Donations of non-perishable food can now be made inside the building (East side entrance) in the donation bin by the back door any time the building is open, usually 9-3 Mondays through Thursdays and after Saturday and Sunday morning services, or they can be put in the box near the sanctuary.

Weekly

M	11:00 am	Staff Meeting (2nd & 4th Mon)
T	6:30 pm	Worship Team Practice
W	7:00 pm	RHC Youth Group
SU	9:30 am	Modern Service
	11:00 am	Traditional Service

September Calendar

1	Kings Kidz on Zoom, 6:30 pm
5	Combined Service, 10:00am
6	OFFICE CLOSED/LABOR DAY
7	LOL Kickoff via Zoom
11	Facilities Work Party 9:00am - 12:00pm
12	Kickoff Sunday
19	Back to Church Sunday
26	Women's Ministry Fall Kickoff

FACILITIES

Dan Wolfe, Facilities Director

Let's join together to maintain our amazing church home!

Remember to bring your snacks & drinks. Bring a mask in case you need it for indoors.

Thank you for your servant's heart!

WORK PARTY

September 11

9:00am to 12:00pm

THANK YOU

Dear Rose Hill Family,

It has been over a year since our beloved Bud passed into eternity. Because of COVID we were not able to schedule a church memorial. However, we were able to express our family tributes to him at his burial on July 10, 2021 with Pastor Brian. Now, I'm finding it unbearable to go through with a public memorial.

Our family appreciates and thank you for the many condolences expressed to us in beautiful ways. We continue to miss Bud greatly, and always will.

Miriam, with Connie, Jeff, and Extended Family