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of **Jesus** who love **God**,
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Senior Pastor	Dr. Tom Pipkin
Children's Ministry	Dawn Pipkin
Treasurer	Paul Snedecor
Financial Secretary	Sue Kenyon-Hinatsu
Church Secretary	Sheri Magill

Sunday Worship: 9:00am & 10:30am
Fellowship Times:
8:30-9am & 10:00-10:30am

**Community Groups throughout
the week-childcare for
Community Groups provided on
Wednesdays: 6pm-8pm**

**Office Hours ~ Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm
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Cooperation is important when you have a job you need done. Working together we can do more than we can do alone. **Cooperation** is huge. When we **cooperate** we can build more, learn more, and do more. Learning to get along with and work with other people is God's plan for us. We are teaching this Biblical concept of **cooperation** this month in children's Sunday School. The Bible is full of stories of people who came together in faith to do something they could have never done alone.

As we minister to the needs of children and families, we will be starting a twice a month Mom's Group. It will be the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month from 9 am to 11am. We want our moms to have a nurturing place for their small children as they have some time to encourage and be encouraged by other moms. This will take **cooperation** from other people in our church family. First and foremost, we need people to care for these precious children in our nursery rooms while their moms are meeting at our church. Would you please consider committing once or twice a month to care for these children, and in doing so, caring for the health of the families in The Dalles? Important ministries take **cooperation** from many. Please pray about your possible **cooperation** with this ministry and talk to Dawn Pipkin (dawn@gatewaypc.org or 541-298-8531) about it.

Wedding Reception



February 6th
2-4pm
Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP
ruizriesewedding@gmail.com

Andrew & Beka Riese

Since Andrew and Beka are traveling they have limited luggage space for gifts, but a gift of money would be wonderful and appreciated. There is a gift registry on their webpage:

at theknot.com/us/beka-and-andrew if you want to dedicate money toward a specific item!

FX = Family Time

ALL families, of kids ages 3 months through 5th grade, are invited to Gateway's first Friday night Family Time!!
6 pm, Friday, February 26 – we will have pizza!, singing and games, and share with parents what is happening on Sunday mornings for kids at Gateway.
Come check it out and have some fun Friday family time!



Call or e-mail Dawn to RSVP (so that we get enough pizza!)

dawn@gatewaypc.org or 541-298-8531

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
For Retirement & Nursing Home Services
SIGN UP TODAY!

Questions? Contact Fred Alvear at 541-980-4739 or Joshua Cox at 541-288-8008

*please
join us*

To pray for the Sunday Services

Every Sunday

8:30-8:45am

Galilee Room in the Upper Building

**Come partake of the blessings prayer brings and
the fellowship we enjoy!**

**MEN
UP**

MEN'S RETREAT

APRIL 8-10

**Summit to Summit
Registration Information
Available Soon**

From the Pastor~ Dr. Tom Pipkin, Senior Pastor

Dear Gateway Family,

January 17th was a big day here at Gateway! We all gathered together for a combined worship service to worship the Lord together as a Gateway family. You could feel the energy in the room as the seats were filling up and as we greeted each other on a special Sunday morning. And you could feel the presence of God as we worshipped together – singing, praying, and attending to God's Word. We were all together on that Sunday for two reasons. First, it was our last Sunday with Tim Vance as our Associate Pastor. After six and a half years here, Tim and his family are moving to Paris, France where Tim will serve as one of the Associate Pastors there at the American Church. So we sent Tim and his family off with our prayers, remembrances, food, and fellowship. The other reason for all being together on that Sunday was for our annual meeting where the 2016 budget was presented; the Nominating Committee was introduced; and changes in my terms of call were approved. I am glad to say, that our annual meetings these past two years have been times of celebration and unity as we have lifted up our gratitude to God for what He is doing among us, and where we have looked excitedly forward to what God will do through us in the coming year.

Over the course of the past month, I have been asked by many of you what we plan to do next regarding our staffing here at Gateway. We are all eager to move forward with God's ministry and mission here and know that we need to have a good staff to lead and resource our efforts. So here is a quick update on where we are and what we intend to do:

Back in November, after hearing from Tim about his plans to conclude his time with us here at Gateway, the Personnel Team met to consider what our next steps should be. From those conversations, proposals were made to the Session regarding our staffing, and in our

December Session meeting, these decisions were made unanimously by your Session:

1. The Personnel Team was empowered by the Session to move forward with finding someone who could serve on an interim basis as we go through the process of replacing Tim. As position description was agreed upon and we are currently searching for such a person. In the meantime, Dick LaFever has agreed to preach more often (about once every four or five weeks) and he has offered to work with the Deacons in providing pastoral care in concert with the work of the Deacons.
2. The Session voted to pursue a full-time Assistant Pastor for Gateway. A Search Committee is being put together right now and will begin its working within the next week. You will notice that this is a different title from "Associate Pastor" which we have had previously. In the PC(USA) there had been an Associate Pastor position which had been phased out over the years in favor of Associate, but in more recent years, Assistant Pastor was re-instituted. The reasons we are choosing to seek an Assistant Pastor at this time are practical and ecclesiological. To put it briefly, the position description will remain largely the same and the level of education and experience required – and appropriate compensation for the position will remain the same. What is different is that the Assistant Pastor can be hired directly by the Session rather than having to go through the often more cumbersome and time consuming process of having to work through the Presbytery's process required for a congregation to call an Associate Pastor. The Search Committee for this position will be in regular communication with the congregation, giving updates and asking for feedback along the way.

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Fellowship Event Cupcake Decorating

February 27th
6:30pm

Join in on the fun and bring your creativity too! Undecorated cupcakes will be provided. You need to bring the decorations and/or a favorite frosting(s). Once decorated you can eat your creation or donate your creation to be used in the Coffee Connection on Sunday morning. Questions? Contact Mark & Valerie Kendrick at 541-836-9639.



COMING SOON



- ◆ February 2nd | 6:30pm | Middle School Girls Craft Night
- ◆ February 6th | 2-4pm | Wedding Reception for Andrew & Beka Riese
- ◆ February 10th | 7:00pm | Ash Wednesday Service (Childcare Provided)
- ◆ February 23rd | 5:30pm | Middle School Taco Tuesday
- ◆ February 26th | 6:00pm | FX-Family Time
- ◆ February 27th | 6:30pm | Fellowship Event | Decorating Cupcakes

Thank you to our Gateway family for your generosity, prayers and kind words at our send off on January 17th. We will miss you and look forward to the day when the Lord brings us together again.

In Christ,

Tim, Maija, Noah, Sophia & Ezra

Our hope is that pursuing an Assistant Pastor will grant us more freedom to seek for a pastor beyond our denomination (which is still in its early stages) as well as streamlining the process of finding and securing the right person for our position. We were even more encouraged about this decision when we discovered that more and more ECO churches are choosing to do it this way as well. If you go to the ECO website job board you will find several Assistant Pastor openings and (at this time) only one Associate Pastor opening. Please be in prayer as we go about this important work of finding the right person for Gateway. We have also learned that there are many pastors looking for positions at this time.

One more update: Our Youth Director search is continuing in concert with Young Life. Young Life had major turnover in the Oregon Region which delayed our process by several months, but we are now on track and even have some possible candidates. Again, keep praying!

If you have any questions about any of these exciting developments, please feel free to contact me or Stan Hinatsu (elder, chair of Personnel). We would love to talk with you.

Blessings in Christ,

Dr. Tom Pipkin



A S H
W E D N E S D A Y

FEBRUARY 10 @ 7:00 PM

Childcare Provided



We have lots of babies & toddlers and need some more loving people to help care for them on Sundays during the 9am service & on Thursday mornings during our new Mom's Group.

Please contact Dawn: dawn@gatewaypc.org or the Church office at 541-298-8531, if you can help once or more a month.

Thank You!

The Warming Place is in need: Warm Clothing for the Homeless

- Winter Coats
- Gloves
- Socks
- Scarves
- Blankets
- Sleeping Bags



Donation box in the church.
Questions-contact
Patsy Warner & Kim
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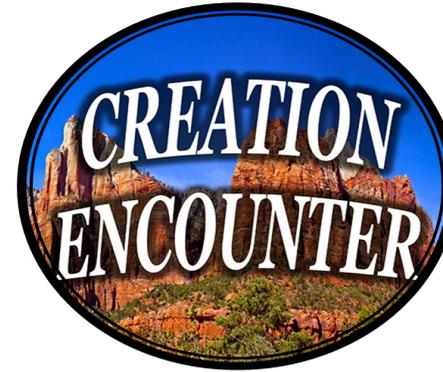
Young @ Heart Event

February 9th, 2016

11am

Soup Luncheon

Cost: \$3.00



Guest Speaker John Hergenrather
from Creation Encounter.

The purpose of Creation Encounter is to provide quality creation field study tours, road guides, and other information glorifying God as Creator.

Sign up sheets will be in the hallway at church.
Any questions, please contact Nonie & Dave Cornell at 541-397-0591

This is just one of Gateway's Outreaches...

Chenoweth Elementary School Students, Teachers and Staff!

Half of the school year is over, and it's time once again to lend Chenoweth a hand. They are quite a NEED for the following:



**GLUE-STICKS &
TICONDEROGA PENCILS**

Collection Box is located next to Coat Rack

Have any questions, Contact PATSY WARNER 541-980-4210

Deacon's Food Cupboard is in need of:

- Boxed Meals
- Jars of Jelly
- Jars of Jam
- Canned Meat
- Canned Tuna
- Cold Cereal
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Spaghetti Noodles



Thank You
FOR YOUR HELP

    							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1 7:00pm Al-Anon 7:00pm Nar-Anon	2 9:30am Staff Mtg. 12:00pm AA 4:30-8:30pm Ministry Team Mtgs. 6:30pm Middle School Girls Night Out Making Cards	3 9:00am Women's Bible Study 1:00pm Creative Arts 6:00pm Community Groups 6:00pm Women's Bible Study 6:30pm Men's Bible Study	4 6:30am Bible Study 2:30pm ACTS 5:00pm TOPS 7:00pm AA 7:00pm TCBS @ Zion	5	6 2:00pm Wedding Reception for Andrew & Beka Riese 	
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“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” Matthew 22:36-40

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends.

John 15:14-16

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is now self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

1 Cor. 13:4-8