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Growing Followers
of **Jesus** who love **God**,
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Senior Pastor	Dr. Tom Pipkin
Assistant Pastor	Dr. Jeff Cook
Children's Ministry	Dawn Pipkin
Youth Ministry	Caleb Wheeler
Treasurer	Paul Snedecor
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
Friday ~ 9am to 1pm
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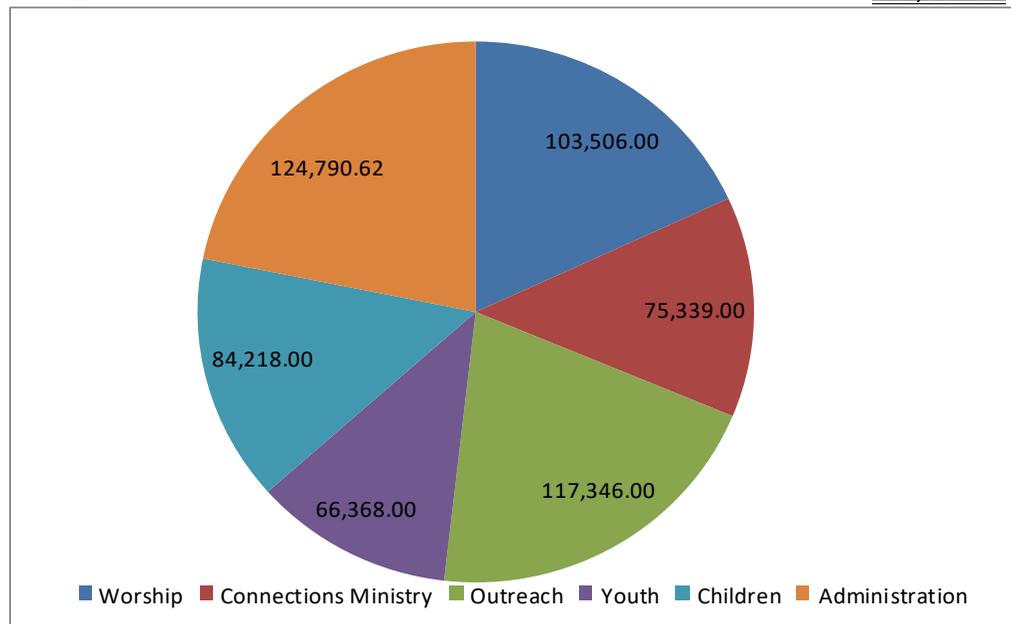
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Below is the corrected version of the 2017 Operating Budget and it is \$10,000 less than the version that was presented on the slides during the congregational meeting. Please forgive me for the mistake and for any misunderstandings-Paul, the treasurer

**GATEWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
OPERATING BUDGET 2017**

Ministry	Budget	Staff	Support	Total
Worship	6,830.00	71,821.00	24,855.00	103,506.00
Connections Ministry	8,180.00	42,304.00	24,855.00	75,339.00
Outreach	36,160.00	56,331.00	24,855.00	117,346.00
Youth	4,500.00	37,013.00	24,855.00	66,368.00
Children	5,050.00	54,313.00	24,855.00	84,218.00
Administration		99,935.62	24,855.00	<u>124,790.62</u>
TOTAL				<u>571,567.62</u>



What's a SGL (Small Group Leader)??

A SGL in Children's Ministry is a Friend, is a Parent, is a Coach, is a Teacher – is a little of each of these but, not really any of these! Our Children's Ministry Small Group Leaders show up each Sunday morning in order to tell and share God's love with their few. They each have a small group of kids that they get to worship and learn with and lead. While this is happening, relationships between the kids and their SGLs are growing, enabling true learning to transpire. These SGLs work to be consistent in their kids lives while creating safe space of acceptance and honesty. This is an extremely important ministry and I'm so thankful for each of these women and their

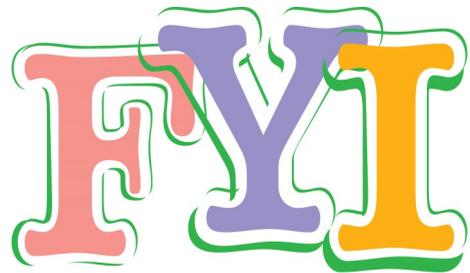
commitment to serving kids. Karol Hardin and Jessica DeVlaeminck are our Small Group Leaders for our preschoolers. Cheryl Schwinof and Heather Keizur are our SGLs for our Kindergarten and 1st graders. Phyllis Turner and Julie Carter are our SGLs for our 2nd and 3rd graders. And Christine Crowe and Claire Miller are our SGLs for our 4th and 5th graders. Thanks for sharing your wonderful selves and your talents with the families of Gateway!



upcoming EVENTS



- February 10th | 6:30pm | Fellowship Event: "Paint Night"
- February 14th | 6pm | Middle School Girls Night Out
- February 21st | 6pm | Middle School Boys Open Gym Night
- February 28th | 5:30pm | Middle School | Taco Tuesday



**The "Are You Ready?" Class ,
taught by Dick LaFever, will
continue on Thursday nights
at 6:30pm until February 23rd.**

• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •



Have you looked in our library lately? Did you know Gateway has a Library in the back of the Coffee Connection? If you are having a hard time reading the Bible but are more auditory, did you know in our library there is a complete CD series of the New Testament? Check out all the wonderful books there. You may be amazed at what you find!

From the Pastor~ Dr. Tom Pipkin, Senior Pastor

Dear Gateway Family,

This past week, I attended our denomination's national gathering at First Presbyterian Church in Greenville, South Carolina. Now entering our fifth year as a denomination, *A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO)* has grown to include 323 congregations organized in 14 presbyteries. Our Assistant Pastor, Jeff Cook and elder Dale Rollins also attended this vibrant gathering of over 1200 pastors and elders from across the country. The theme for this year's gathering was **Entrusted**, based on

2 Timothy 2:2 which says, ***"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."*** These words from Paul to his young apprentice are just as important to us now as they were to Timothy in his time. Here at Gateway, we all have been entrusted, as Dana Allin, our ECO Synod Executive, said at the conference, ***"with the great responsibility to pass the baton of leadership and gospel sharing for generations to come, both in our lives and particular ministry settings, as we continue to nurture leaders, transform congregations, and plant churches in a way that is faithful to the word of God."***

Six speakers challenged us to be that kind of church over the course of the conference:

- Jo Saxton, a pastor from Minneapolis, who was born of Nigerian parents and raised in the UK started us off with a journey through the book of Acts. She especially focused on how Barnabas was indeed a "son of encouragement" who modeled for us the importance of coming alongside of people and investing in them so that they will grow and use their gifts for ministry.
- Paul Borden, the Executive Minister of *Growing Healthy Churches* challenged and affirmed us in work to transform our



churches into missional communities that are truly effective.

- John Ortberg, senior pastor of Menlo Church encouraged especially us pastors to care for our souls as we do the hard work of ministry.
- Jim Singleton, Associate Professor of Pastoral Leadership and Evangelism at Gordon-Conwell Seminary, affirmed ECO's position on egalitarian leadership as he showed strong Biblical evidence for the role of women as leaders in the church.
- James Choung, InterVarsity' National Director of Evangelism, challenged us all to consider how ministry needs to change with each generation because each generation is asking a different spiritual question.
- Laura Murray, an Associate Pastor at Highland Park Presbyterian Church in Dallas, closed our time together by leading us into our closing worship and communion.

Throughout the conference we were inspired and even brought to tears by the beauty and majesty of God. As we stood among 1200 people who sang and prayed and worshipped with wholehearted devotion, I was reminded that God is worthy of all of our praise, our energy, our time, our gifts, our lives. I wish that all of you could have been there. I am sure you would come away from the conference, as Jeff and Dale and I did, fully confident that Gateway is in a good place in our history as a part of this growing denomination, and that the best is yet to come!

Warmly in Christ,

Dr. Tom Pipkin

P.S. – If you want more info on ECO and this year's gathering go to the denomination's website: eco-pres.org. They will be posting video of our worship and the speakers soon.



“Creating a Legacy of Love”

March 2 - April 6, 2017 (skipping March 30th)

Thursday night’s at the Coffee Connection 6:30 - 8pm

It’s amazing how much attention and energy most of us gave to the dating phase of our relationship. All couples face challenges in marriage as we strive to make sense of what we learned about marriage and relationships in our younger years, and as we strive to manage the stresses of children, jobs, finances, and aging. This 5-week course will include a brief time of teaching and skill development on topics that most couples find challenging combined with a focused time for couples to share and explore the topic of the day in the privacy of their *own table*.

-Week 1 (3/2): Introductions. Our road map. The purpose of marriage and what we each bring into marriage.

-Week 2 (3/2): Communication and listening with your “third ear”

-Week 3 (3/9): Conflict and the “f” word (forgiveness). Do you fight fair?

-Week 5 (3/23): Intimacy & Sex

-Week 6 (4/6): Where we’ve been. Keeping it going.

RSVP to the church office as space is limited 541-298-8531 or email at: office@gatewaypc.org This course is a couples course, both partners are required for attendance, facilitator will be Jeff Cook, PhD



A BIG thank you to all the ladies who made food for the Chenowith teachers and staff lunch in January! The meal was appreciated!

For February we are planning to deliver Valentine Cupcakes and treats for the Chenowith teachers and staff on Tuesday, the 14th. If you are willing to help, please contact Kim Nosenzo at 541-980-3352. There will be a sign-up sheet in the main hallway of the church.

Fellowship Event



~Facilitated by Special Guest– Mary Rollins~

Family Friendly Event
FRIDAY, February 10th, 2017
6:30pm

Coffee Connection

All art supplies will be provided and it is a Valentine theme.
Please bring snacks and finger food to share



MISSIONS & OUTREACH

Gateway has a strong *outreach* ministry. Not only do we support missionaries who evangelize in other countries and states, but we support outreach projects right here in The Dalles. One of these outreach ministries is **YES** House. It is in

operation now because Gary and Linda Casady felt God’s leading to reach out to troubled teens.

YES stands for Youth Empowerment Shelter. It is a facility that has full home-style accommodations for up to ten youth, ages 10 through 17. It is licensed by the Oregon Department of Human Resources as a shelter for runaway and homeless youth. Yes, I said for *youth*. Sadly, there are approximately 300 plus youth, ages 10 to 17, in Wasco and neighboring counties. This number only includes the youth considered to be unsheltered, in a car, or under a bridge. It does not include the “couch surfers.”

The mission of **YES** is to provide youth in crisis a place of physical and emotional safety while assisting them to build positive relationships and develop their individual potentials. (A huge undertaking!) Just this last Christmas, Gary and Linda had seven castaway and homeless youth under their stewardship.

Now, please imagine with me a minute. Picture some 10 to 17 years ago, each of these students’ mothers held her newborn baby lovingly, joyfully, in her arms. Their lives had such promise. Today, some of these youth don’t know who their father is... and wish they did. Some of them know who their father is...and wish they did not. What happened?

Life in a broken world happened, where dashed hopes turned to despair, where they never encountered Jesus, our Immanuel—God With Us. Life in a fallen world is tolerable when one has been gifted with the truth that Jesus is King of the Universe AND Lord of my life.

Please find time to pray for the youth and staff at **YES** House.

worshipministry

As we look forward to a new year, we are so grateful for the many Worship service volunteers who ushered, served Communion, filled our hearts with beautiful music of the Praise Teams, piano, organ, special solos and instrumental ensembles. Tech people run the soundboard, Power Point and record video; maintain audio/visual equipment and website. Elders assist with announcements and lead us in Prayers of the People.

We appreciate all of you who share your gifts in service, enriching our Worship experience. A big Thank You to Pastors Dr. Tom Pipkin and Dr. Jeff Cook for your guidance and weekly messages.

2016 Worship Ministry Activities:

Gateway was the primary host of the third annual Community Worship Service "Praise in the Park" on June 28. Elder Dale Rollins was project manager of the event which was well attended by about 650 people. A big Thank You to the volunteers who helped build the stage for Speaker and 9th & Court Praise Band. We especially appreciate the volunteers who baked cookies, ran errands, and served close to 600 meals in the heat of summer. Planning was ongoing for the first 6 mo. of 2016.

Ash Wednesday, February 10, the first day of Lent, was observed with application of ashes blessed and created from the previous year's Palm fronds.

Gateway hosted our Presbytery of the NW meeting Tuesday, June 7, concluding with an inspirational Communion service at noon Wednesday, June 8. Elder Dale Rollins was Gateway's elected commissioner.

We received a donation to replace aged communion ware. Thank You to Connie

and Paul Karp, and Linda and Fred Wendt who prepare the communion elements. Thanks also to Evelyn and Daniel Cochenour who maintain the serve ware and to Beth Smith for dressing the communion table in appropriate liturgical colors and managing the servers list.

Our Music Ministry, led by Director Rick Cowart, updated the sound system with installation of a new soundboard. The board will accommodate wireless mics for the singers, a goal we hope to achieve in 2017 and increases the quality of sound in the Sanctuary.

We observed **World Communion** on Sunday, October 2. This year we emphasized our connection to Christians all over the world with breads and other items representing different countries. Thanks to those who shared their travel treasures.

Worship Ministry ended the year with installation of **Hearing Loop Technology** and headsets. We received a generous donation from a community group who saw this as a need for the congregation. Many Thanks to the donors for this great gift to all of us and to Rick Cowart and volunteers for implementation of the project.

This summarizes the work of your Worship Ministry for 2016. We could not accomplish our goals without the help of many volunteers. Thank you all for participating in so many ways.

We look forward to 2017 under the leadership of new Chair, Elder Gary Grossman.

Confirmation Class

Journey through a 9-week class where you will learn more about Jesus, the Word of God, and what it means to trust God and live for Christ!

Students who complete the class will be invited to become a Covenant Partner with Gateway

When: February 26th - May 7th

Where: Youth Group Room

Who: Youth 13-18 year olds

Please sign up by Feb. 19th

For more information visit gatewaypc.org or talk to Caleb Wheeler
caleb@gatewaypc.org // 503.442.6745



If you are between the ages of 13 and 18- I want to encourage you to sign up for the 2017 Confirmation Class! If you are the parent of a teen I encourage you to encourage them to sign up! – Director of Youth Ministry Caleb Wheeler

Class Information

Starting February 26th, the Confirmation class will be meeting during the first service (9:00 am – 10:00 am) in the Youth Group room (Jerusalem). During this time, we will be learning about the authority of Scripture, God's plan for redemption, the life of Jesus, the death and resurrection of Jesus and the forgiveness of sin, Church history, the sacraments of baptism and communion, what it means to be a Covenant Partner at Gateway, and more! We'll also explore and discuss topics that students have or are raised by the classes.

It's our hope that upon completing the class each student will have a deeper understanding of their faith, can share their faith with confidence, desire to have their baptism confirmed or be baptized for the first time, be prepared to live their life for Christ, and become an active Covenant Partner with Gateway.

We will be meeting during the first service every

Sunday morning from February 26th to May 7th (except April 2nd and April 16th). Students and parents should discuss ahead of time whether they can commit to these dates. If it is necessary to miss a class there will be opportunity to make up the material, but we want to encourage 100% attendance if possible.

Please Sign Up

If you are interested in joining the class please complete the sign up form here (goo.gl/O65ZUM) or the one inside the church program.

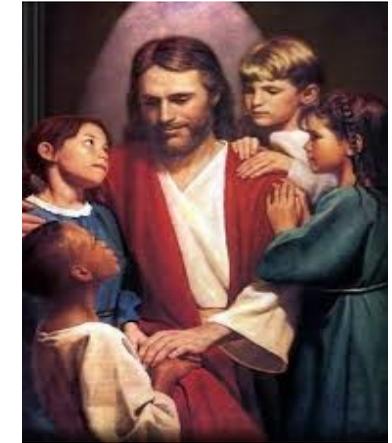
Prayer Request

During the signup period as well as during the class I ask that the congregation keep the students who are going to be taking the class and the staff that will be teaching it in your prayers. Join us as we ask God to use this Confirmation Class to speak to the hearts of the kids who have yet to make a decision for Him and to strengthen the faith of the ones who already call Him Lord.

Questions

If you have any questions, please contact Caleb Wheeler at caleb@gatewaypc.org or 503.442.6745

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Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love each other, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.

1 John 4:7-12