

The Messenger

News from Manette Community Church

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Night Insight

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Pure and genuine religion in the sight of God the Father means caring for orphans and widows in their distress and refusing to let the world corrupt you. James 1:27

I heard a message on the second part of this passage not too long ago and came across my notes from it. It was called *The Princess and the Pea* – a title that always captures my attention because when I sense the slightest crumb on my side of the bed at night, I cannot sleep until the intruder is completely removed.

The speaker asked if we were more afraid of friend accountability than God accountability. Do we care more about the things that people in our life see, or the hidden things that only God sees, but we know are there? Like the pea. The pea is like a stain. Stains on new things bother us, we see them as bad... at first...but not so bad later. They fade. We get used to them. After following God so long, when we “stain” ourselves (sin), it doesn't jump out at us like it did at first.

Do we regulate our behavior only for those around us, while being separated from God in our heart and intentions? Sometimes if our stain is not apparent to everyone, we are in no hurry to fix it.

In *The Princess and the Pea*, the pea placed under many mattresses was the test to establish royal identity and find a real princess. When we surrender our lives to Jesus, we become royalty in God's family – children of the King. After having crap thoughts all day, can we sleep peacefully at night? (Note: the speaker used the phrase “sleep like a baby” at night. As we currently have little Bevy, 4 months old, sleeping in our house at night, I chose to alter the phrase :)

Are we living in self-regulation, or surrender to God? How it appears before God is different than how it appears to everyone else.

Jesus is our High Priest. (Look that up if you don't know what it means.) He



intervenes on our behalf before God the Father. Jesus is the pea remover. We just need to acknowledge that our peas/stains, are sins that God sees, take them to Jesus for disposal, and not ask for them back!

For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.

So then, since we have a great High Priest who has entered heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to what we believe. This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin. So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most. Hebrews 4:1-16

Where am I okay with my sin? Where have I stopped being on guard with my thoughts and intentions? Where does my heart not sink when it should?

God knows our intentions and still desires relationship with us. Let's not take that for granted. We are His.

Terri Anderson

(My notes are from one of MCC's "Nights" services held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month at Hot Java Café in downtown Bremerton – 5 pm. Speaker was Spenser Anderson.)

Save Those Stamps!

Women's Ministries is collecting cancelled stamps. These are sent off, sold and money collected goes for various charity organizations. Simply cut or carefully rip off the postage stamp from the used envelope, being careful that you don't damage the stamp, and once you have a collection pop them in an envelope & give them to Alene Smestad.



MCC 101 Class

April 15, 12 noon
in the Social Hall

This class is the basic introduction to our church and what we believe. Those who are interested in finding out more about the church, or those considering membership are encouraged to attend. Please R.S.V.P. to the church office, 373-2103.

1ST WEDNESDAY
Fellowship
 April 4th

12 noon in the Social Hall

Please join us for food, fun & fellowship and enjoy Pastor Sandy's talk "Put it in Reverse."



April 10th

12 noon
in the Social Hall

Bring a sack lunch.
Dessert & coffee
provided.

Hostesses: Deanna Lilley & Edna Peters

Program/Devotions: Deanna Lilley

Attention All Women!

BLOOM April 21, 6pm

Movie Night - All ages



We will watch TROLLS. Bring a snack to share and dress in rainbow colors (if you choose).

If you have any questions contact Terry Cooper, 340-1935

Ministry Update Meeting

& Potluck April 22nd

12 noon in the Social Hall

Please a hot dish, salad or dessert to share.

BIRTHDAYS



- 5th Clay Thompson
- 8th Stephanie Contreras
- 8th Ruth Reese
- 9th Rose Bray
- 9th Barb Schultz
- 12th Luella Henderson
- 15th Andee (Bug) Allen
- 15th Tom McManamna
- 16th Kathy O'Brien
- 18th Alene Smestad
- 18th Evan Vanderford
- 20th Courtney Babine
- 20th Bruce Farman
- 21st Aidan McManamna
- 22nd Ken Roberts
- 22nd Cleo Stonecipher
- 23rd Stephen Gentry
- 26th Erin O'Brien
- 29th Bill Streutker

ANNIVERSARIES



- 16th Clay & Linda Thompson
- 29th Keith & Jan Spencer

NIGHTS



April 10 & 24

5:00-6:00pm at Hot Java Café
409 Pacific Ave, Suite 201

Hot Java Café serves deliciously smooth coffee made with 100% locally roasted Dillanos coffee beans. Lots to eat too!

All are invited. Questions: Spenser Anderson, 360-917-5185



White Cross

Once again we had a successful year for White Cross. Thanks to your generous support of Women's Ministries we were able to send money for health needs at our mission hospitals and clinics worldwide, & to pay postage for our handmade items sent to our medical facilities in Congo. We sent 115 triangular bandages, & wrappers for medical equipment, & 137 roller bandages.

Jan McManamna
White Cross Chairman



April 2018



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 1 Communion EASTER 7:30am Sunrise Service NO Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service | 2 10:00 am Prayer 6pm Small Group | 3 1pm Manette History Club | 4 12 noon First Wednesday Fellowship 6pm Dinner & Bible Study 6:30pm Small Group 6:30pm Small Group 6pm-9pm FA meeting | 5 5:30am Men's Small Group <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> Life Line Screening 8am-5pm </div> | 6 12:30pm Women's Small Group 7:00pm TOPS 7:30pm AA | 7 8:00 am Men's Bible Study |
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| 22 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> 12noon Ministry Update Meeting </div> 6pm Youth Group | 23 10:00 am Prayer 6pm Diaconate 6pm Small Group 6pm Girl Scouts | 24 5:00pm Nights at Hot Java Café | 25 6pm Dinner & Bible Study 6:30pm Small Group 6:30pm Small Group 6pm-9pm FA meeting | 26 5:30am Men's Small Group | 27 12:30pm Women's Small Group 7:00pm TOPS 7:30pm AA | 28 8:00 am Men's Bible Study |
| 29 9:00am Sunday School 10:30am Worship Service 1:30pm Piano Recital 6pm Youth Group | 30 10:00 am Prayer Pastor Ron is in Idaho 6pm Small Group 6pm Girl Scouts | | | | | |

Marie is using the sanctuary all week—piano recital practice →