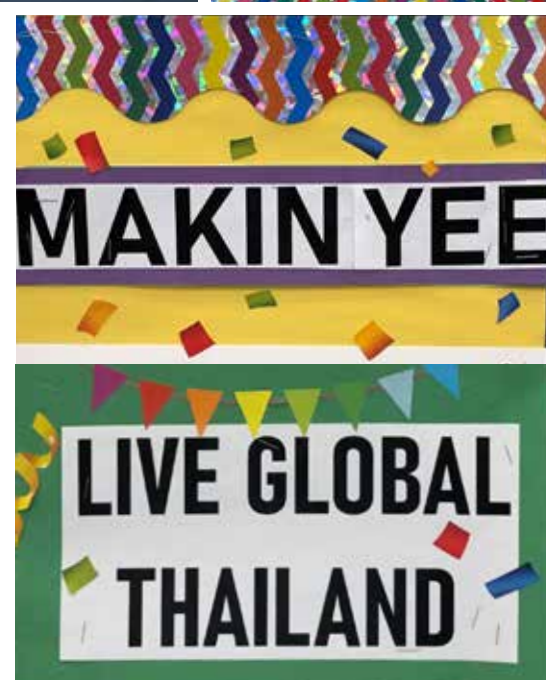
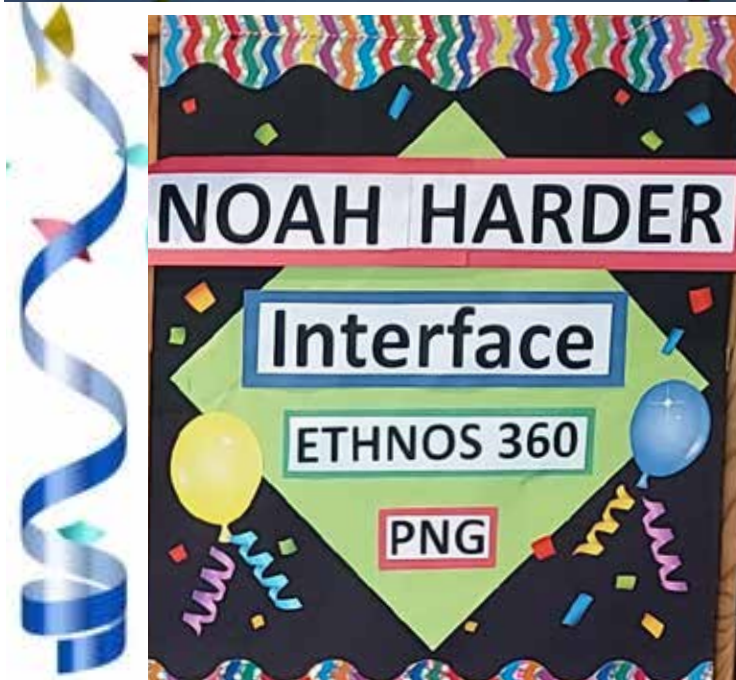
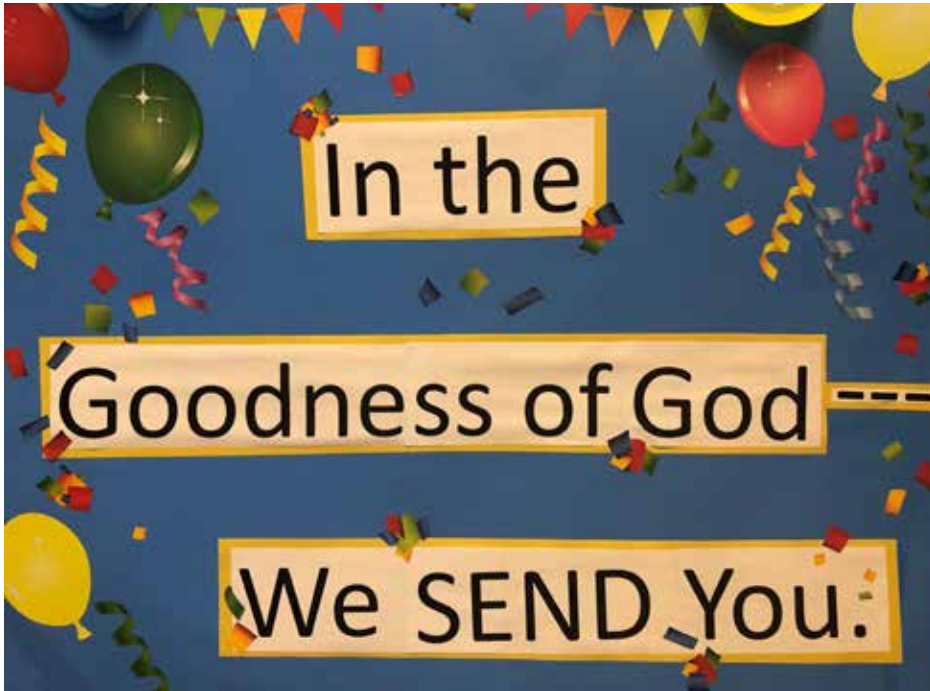




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This monthly PAGE 2 column reminds us that a partnership takes two. We should all be active, on-going SENDERS partnering with the SENT.

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PAGE 2: YOU AND YOUR GLOBAL WORKERS Twosomes Partnering with God around the World

Not a Side-Gig

By Ellyn Roe

The Martinez family is hoping to return to Papua New Guinea (PNG) in mid-June. They hope to be able to spend the summer as a family in Tigak. Then in August, Naya and Jocie will attend Numonohi Christian Academy (NCA), located in a different region of PNG.

NCA is their sending agency's K-12 school for the children of global workers. In the 2022 school year, Naya thoroughly enjoyed her freshman year at NCA, and Jocie was able to experience a few months there as well. Both girls are thrilled to attend there together for the next two years until Naya graduates.

In a recent exchange of thoughts, Naya and Jocie offered that though they will miss their folks, they love the culture at NCA, surrounded by many families of global workers. Naya remarked that she is encouraged when she is there as she feels she is living among others who are faithfully serving the LORD. She says, "Serving God is our whole life, not a side-gig, and that is how it ought to be for all of us."

Martinez family prayer cards are available at BPC if you would like to use them as reminders to pray for them all.

From The Press: May God help you (and those who will miss you most) with the goodbyes, favor your travels with safety and ease, and bless you as you serve Him with your whole lives in PNG, Noe, Lisa, Naya and Jocie.



l-r Naya and Jocie at Lincoln Park last month

Photo credit: Ellyn Roe

Transform Burien Recovers from Clothing Bank Fire

Dear Boulevard Park,

We at Transform Burien are deeply grateful for the outpouring of concern, prayers, and support you have shown us following the fire in our building. Although the loss of the clothing bank was significant, we thank God for His protection over the remaining building and for providing the means to quickly reopen our other services to the community.

We are working diligently to reestablish our clothing bank once we secure a new space within the building. In the meantime, we are accepting donations to build up inventory for the new space. Specifically, we are looking for new or gently used clean items such as kids' clothing from 2T and up, men's jeans, men's clothing, men's white undershirts (M, L, XL), men's boxer briefs (M, L, XL), women's underwear (S, M, L, XL), blankets of all kinds, backpacks, towels, hand towels, and washcloths. Toiletries are one of the other needs we have.

Your faithfulness and dedication to partnering with Transform's mission to reach the local community in need have



Photo credit: Jesse Lindsay

made a significant impact. Thank you for standing with us during this time.

Thank You Boulevard Park

Transform Burien is thankful for your faithfulness and generosity toward the needs of the people in our greater community who are experiencing homelessness and financial insecurity.

YOU are feeding the hungry and clothing the unclothed!

YOU are putting medical, mental, and other daily essential resources within their reach!

YOU are providing hope, love, and encouragement to men and women who need community and a place to belong!

With heartfelt thanks,

Paul, Kim & the Transform volunteers

PLEASE NOTE: If you would like to drop off donations of food or clothing, you can do so during the below listed times. Also, if you have any other questions, feel free to call Paul at (206) 637-4476.

- Sundays 2:00 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.
- Fridays 11:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

The Truth about Truth

By Pastor Bud

Despite the comedy of errors that comprised the kangaroo court that convicted Jesus, one conversation stands out as relevant for everyone. Although intended as a stonewall tactic, it is a question at the center of society’s current cultural chaos. The question asked to Jesus by Pilate consists of just three words: “*What is truth?*” (Jn. 18:38).

The correspondence theory of truth represents the simple answer to this question, which says that a belief or a proposition is truth when it corresponds to reality. If I state that the rain is falling, such a statement is only true if, in fact, the rain is actually falling. For a statement to be true, there must be a one-to-one correspondence with reality.

The context of Pilate’s question is a dialogue with Jesus about His identity and position.

Pilate asked Him, “*Are You the king of the Jews?*” (Jn. 18:33). Verse 37 reads, “*Therefore Pilate said to Him, ‘So You are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You yourself said I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.’*” According to the correspondence theory, Jesus says that His reason for coming into the world is to bear witness to reality. He did not come to promote a religious creed devised by brilliant men wanting to control others. He came to reveal the way things really are!

Truth is not possessive. You cannot speak about “my truth.” Instead, one can only refer to “the truth.” Truth exists independent of

anyone’s belief in it. Imagine if an engineer designed a bridge based on his belief instead of reality. No one would want to drive over that bridge because an engineer’s beliefs do not make a bridge structurally sound. If a girder is designed to hold a maximum weight of 20 tons, it doesn’t matter if you believe it can hold 100 tons. What matters is reality!

Maybe you are familiar with the old bumper sticker, “God said it, I believe it, and that settles it.” While catchy, it is not a valid approach to God’s word. Instead, the adage should say, “God said it, that settles it, and I believe it.” What’s the difference? God’s word is truth (Jn. 17:17), which means our belief in it is irrelevant to its essential nature of being true.

The importance of the above point cannot be overstated. “My truth” is

only acceptable if what I believe corresponds to reality. If it does not, the only adequate description is to speak about “my opinion” or “my belief.”

If we want to live in reality, the point of all this is to anchor our lives in God’s word, the truth. Religious fiction, cultural traditions, or the latest societal theories are shifting sands. They move, change, rise, and fall with the latest whims of popular opinion. And they cannot deal with the most eternally significant truth of all, “*The wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord*” (Rom. 6:23). Jesus was spot on when He said that the truth will set us free (Jn. 8:32).

For His glory alone,
Pastor Bud

**“God said it, that settles it,
and I believe it.”**

Milestones

Baptisms

Va Donn Lindo
Abigail Lindo
May 26, 2024

Deaths

Carolyn Smith
May 8, 2024
sister of Skip Kulle

Important Dates

Annual Meeting

The Board of Elders announced the **Annual Congregational Business Meeting on Friday, June 21 at 6 p.m.** Copies of proposed changes to the Boulevard Park Church constitution, bylaws, and doctrine are available for review on the Welcome Desk. The budget will be available a week before the meeting.

Membership Class

A membership class will be held on **Saturday, June 8, at 10 a.m.** in Room 431. The class is for anyone who is interested in learning more about the church or in joining the church. Please contact Pastor Bud to sign up if you plan to attend the class (bud.diener@bpcburien.org).

Nate’s Anniversary Celebration Changed

Following the worship service on **Sunday, June 23**, we will celebrate **Pastor Nate Kowallis’** fifth anniversary serving as our Youth Pastor. Please plan to stop by the Multipurpose Room to greet Nate and have some cake and coffee.

Ladies! Mark your calendars for
Saturday, June 22, from **10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**
 for our June **CONNECT** activity!

Come and join us for some **fun, friendship**
 and **food** as we kick off summer with a
PICNIC in the MPR!

More info to come in the weekly bulletins!

Calling all Advocates for Preborn Lives!

By Ellyn Roe (and Steve!)

THANK YOU, CHURCH FAMILY, for supporting Care Net's 2024 Mother's Day-to-Father's Day Baby Bottle Fundraiser. PLEASE keep rounding up your spare change and/or bills. Then save them at home until the **June 16th Father's Day collection** of all donations at church. Checks are always welcome (Care Net of Puget Sound) as well as **contributions in ANY container**. We will also have the giant baby bottle bank at church that day for checks or spontaneous donations you may discover in your pocket or purse.

To protect your generosity, our sanity, and that of the church staff, PLEASE do not



bring your contributions back before Sunday, June 16. 😊

We suggest you place your baby bottle or donation container in a spot where it will remind you daily to **pray for Care Net:**

that the women (and men) who come through our doors will be moved to choose life for their babies, and even Eternal Life for themselves when God gives us the opportunity to share His Gospel with them. ❤️

Sports Camp is Coming! You Can Help Us Get Ready

SPORTS CAMP 2024



July 22-26, 8:45am-Noon

Boulevard Park Church

1st-5th Graders: Soccer, Cheer, Flag Football or Art

4-5 Year-Olds: Kickstart

(a variety of age-appropriate games & sports/
must be 4 by July 17 to participate)

Register through the QR code
or at www.bpcburien.org



THEME: COURAGEOUS

We'll see how Esther gains courage as she trusts and obeys God!

MEMORY VERSE: Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and courageous. Do not fear or be in dread of them, for it is the Lord your God who goes with you. He will not leave you or forsake you.

AGE-GROUP OPTIONS:

4 and 5 year-olds are only offered the Kickstart Program. They will begin the morning with the older kids, break off for a sampler of sports and age-appropriate lessons, and then finish the morning with the older kids.

Kids who are entering Grades 1-5 in the fall can choose from Soccer, Cheer, Flag Football or Art. (Flag Football is only offered to 2nd-5th graders.)

Kids entering 6th grade in the fall have the option to participate as a camper or volunteer.

Volunteers Needed! Sign up here!

Lead a group of 8-12 kids, no sports skills needed...just a love for Jesus and the kids He brings to your group. Youth, please have your parent's approval when you sign up. Contact children@bppc.org or Lisa at 206-334-6775 to get in on the action!



Already signed up? Save these dates & times!

- Volunteer Training & Lunch: July 21, after church/12:00-2:00 p.m.
- Volunteer Schedule During Camp Week:
- Volunteer Check-In & Devotions: 8:00am
- Camp: 8:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Volunteer Debrief: 12:15-12:30 p.m.

More Ways You Can Help!

DONATE:

- Non-perishable camp snacks. Label items for Sports Camp and drop off at church: Ritz crackers, fruit snacks, graham crackers, Goldfish crackers, packaged Rice Krispie Treats, granola bars (Kirkland or Quaker brands), cases of bottled water
- Snacks for staff. Please contact Linda Huck for suggestions and details. 206-715-2788

PRAY:

- For the campers who will be coming to hear about Jesus
- For our Courageous Coach Kelly
- For each Base Ministry staff person as they prepare to come lead our Sports Camp

JOIN US FOR A PREP PARTY:

TUESDAY, JULY 16, from 9 a.m. to noon.

This big job requires many hands to help prepare and organize all the materials and equipment for the week. Please save the date!

Reminders

No Summer Sunday School

The 9:15 a.m. Children's Sunday School will not meet from June 16 – August 25. Classes will resume in September!

The 10:30 a.m. Nursery and Kids Church for Preschool and Elementary classes will continue as usual throughout the summer.

Graduation Info Needed

If someone in your family is graduating from high school, college, or grad school, please let the church office know their name, school, degree, and plans for the fall. Their names will be listed in the church bulletin and the Boulevard Park Press in July.

Church Organ

The church organ, which hasn't been used for several years, is for sale. This wasn't an easy decision for the Trustees. If you know someone who is interested in buying it, please contact Dave Huck at 206-919-4986.

Calendar Events

JUNE 2024

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00A Adult Sunday School
9:15A Youth/KIDS Sunday School
10:30A Children's Church
10:30A Worship in person
& Livestream

Sunday, June 2

9:00A Prayer Meeting
10:30A Worship /Communion
12:00P Welcome home reception
for Craig H. family

Sunday, June 9

Grad Sunday

Sunday, June 16

Father's Day
Care Net Baby Bottle
contribution collection day

Sunday, June 23

12:00P Cake Reception for
Nate Kowallis

Monday, June 3

6:30P Men's Bible Study
7:00P GriefShare (last one)

Saturday, June 8

10:00A Membership Class (431)
12:00P Deaconess Picnic (151)

Monday, June 10

11:00A Ladies Fellowship Circle
(431)

Wednesday, June 12

Last Youth Group (See page 7.)

June 15

11:00P Press Articles Due
bpcpress@bpcburien.org

Monday, June 17 & 24

6:30P Men's Bible Study

Saturday, June 22

10:00A WM Connect

Tending the Flock

One Another

By David Siedenburg, Elder

Approximately five decades ago, I remember being taught in Sunday School at this very church to “be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another.” I am sure there were ample opportunities for my many Sunday School teachers to point out where heeding that command would have been a better option for the class. It must have been important because they put those words in a song for us to sing.

As I got older it of course became clear that adults really needed to be taught to be kind to one another, too – and even more so, Christians needed to lead by example amid a world that either didn't hold that ideal or twisted its meaning beyond biblical recognition.

The New Testament is full of commands and exhortations to members of a church on how they are to interact with each other. For example, Romans 12:16 tells us to “be of the same mind with one another,” Romans 15:7 commands us to “accept one another,” and Ephesians 4:2 indicates we must be about “showing tolerance to one another.” In fact, there are so many of these verses with “one another” in them that at some point Christians started calling them as a group the “One Anothers”. The “One Anothers” are important because, taken together, they begin to provide each of us an understandable picture of the local church – a fellowship of believers – and how the members are to treat each other so they may bring blessing to each other and glory to God.

So why is this on my mind, you ask? Because my wife, Kelly, and I have been on the receiving end of believers faithfully and cheerfully leaning into the “One Anothers” on our behalf. To get everyone up to speed, in March Kelly had a brain operation to deal with a recently diagnosed brain artery disease and while that was successful, a few days after the surgery she suffered a mini-stroke which severely impacted her speech, swallowing, and communication with nerve endings on her right side. We are grateful she has made great progress – from being confined to a bed and unable to say her own name in March to now being able to communicate in multiple-word sentences and dancing with her youngest son, Tyler, at

his wedding in May.

Kelly has come a long way in her speech, and her swallowing, and the proper use of her right hand – and she has an equally long way to go for those abilities to get back to baseline. No doubt about it, it is hard and frequently discouraging work as she engages with the once-a-week occupational and speech therapy sessions at Valley Medical Center and works on homework exercises through the week.

We are also lifted up by the women who have spent at least two hours every day of the work week assisting, encouraging, and cheering her on as she gains hard-fought ground attacking those daunting therapy exercises. We have been overwhelmed by the tremendous amount of support we have received over the last two and a half months. There is not enough space and I will likely forget more than I remember of what has been done for us. What I will say is that Kelly and I have been grateful recipients of these “One Anothers”:

- Be of the same mind with one another – Rom. 12:16; 15:5
- Accept one another – Rom. 15:7
- Be kind to one another – Eph. 4:32
- Give preference to one another in honor – Rom. 12:10
- Seek that which is good for one another – 1 Thess. 5:15
- Love one another – Rom. 13:8; 1 Jn. 4:7-8
- Regard one another as more important than yourself – Phil. 2:3
- Serve one another – Gal. 5:13; 1 Pet. 4:10
- Be subject to one another – Eph. 5:21
- Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another – 1 Pet. 5:5
- Pray for one another – Jas. 5:16
- Bear one another's burdens – Gal. 6:2
- Be devoted to one another in love – Rom. 12:10

We were reflecting on the fact that we could never repay you all for the “One Anothers” that have been done for us these last 11 weeks. Which reminded us of how we could never repay what our savior Jesus Christ has done for us on the cross. I'm thinking that is one of many reasons for the “One Anothers” – it produces Christlikeness in the church.



Youth Ministry Summer Plans 2024

By Nate Kowallis

Every year, the Youth Group has a bustling summer calendar teeming with weekly activities, in addition to Sunday and Wednesday rhythms. Typically, I'm exhausted by the end of summer and scrambling to prepare for the fall. This year, I'm trying something different: purposefully doing less. My hope is that we'll have more participation concentrated into fewer events, I'll have space to recover from a fast-paced July, and I can give a healthier me to my family during the best season of the year.

As for what we are doing, the formal details can be found on the Youth Summer Calendar, but here's an outline for you:

JUNE:

Hiking at the newly renovated Snow Lake trail.

JULY:

Summer Camp at Sun Lakes (July 10-14) and supporting VBS/ Sports Camp (July 22-26).

AUGUST:

Spending a day at the Snoqualmie River, joining in the Church Picnic, and doing a "Crawl" across several churches with neighboring youth groups.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Learning Bible lesson formation and presentation.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT:

Discussing the Lordship of Jesus over all of life, hopefully at host homes around the lake and community.

Thank you for your continual prayers for our young people, their guardians, and those who come alongside to help further their progress in Christ. If you'd like to chaperone an event, or would even consider being a regular presence in the Youth Ministry, I'd love to chat with you. We can always use more hands in summer, and we've been short on (specifically female) leaders during the year.

Celebrations!

June Birthdays

- 1 Noe Martinez
- 2 Lisa Siedenburg
- 3 Judy Mattson
- 4 Farouq Hammo
- 5 Kian Conroy
Gene Deda
- 6 Ian Faulkner
- 7 Gary Stariha
Lisa (Stampalia) Jones
Larry Rice
- 8 Cora Miller
Nathan Recker
- 9 Natasha Hartley
- 10 Tamara Mackey
- 11 Trudy Lindberg
- 12 Skip Kulle
- 13 Nancy Kido
- 16 Janell Hartley
George Graham
- 21 Norma Walters
- 24 Carol Gillihan
Jan Hall
Alice Hammond
- 25 Judy Volkens
Judy Horton
- 26 James Lovall
Doug Johnson
- 26 Gloria Prince
- 27 Peg Frederick
- 29 Shiloh Drost

Early July Birthdays

- 1 Jacob Barton
Makin Yee
- 2 Harvey Siedenburg
- 7 Jan Deda
- 8 Jayce Graham
Addison Partridge
Brooklyn Partridge
- 9 Ron Weller
Illa Pomeroy
- 10 Annette Lowen

If your birthday is not listed, and you would like it to be, please contact the church office.



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PRIZES:

Low Team Score

Long Drive #10

**Most drives used by one team
member**

Closest to the pin #5 & #11

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425-351-0155 (cell) or george157@msn.com**