

## Giving It Up!

I find myself oddly inspired by Jeff, this whimsical cartoon character “giving it up for Lent.” He’s cheering and hollering for Lent, another take on “giving it up,” as it were.

I’m inspired by Jeff because I love Lent, too. I love it for the call to take our sin and our need for Jesus seriously. I love it for the Lenten groups we have each year that mean so much to so many. I love it for the lengthening of days (which is what Lent actually means) and the coming of spring. I really do love Lent.

I’m also inspired by Jeff and his celebratory spirit because I feel pretty excited about what is going on here at Summit these days. So, if you will indulge my non-traditional Lenten enthusiasm, I want to celebrate some of the great work God is doing in our midst. . .

Many of you already know the many good things happening on any given Sunday – God glorifying, beautiful worship, kids and youth programs, adult groups, coffee fellowship, and mission outreach groups. But what about the mid-week? What about the comings and goings in the Monday-Saturday life of the church?

If you ever pop by on a mid-week day, you might have an idea of the growing activities and ministries at Summit. Volunteers cheerfully and faithfully greet people at the front desk and help with office tasks. Guys with tools and ladders can be found fixing stuff most weeks. More and more groups meet here for fellowship and study. Teams and committees, deacons and elders meet monthly to plan and



Jeff gives it up for Lent.

### pray for the church. **Give it up for our volunteers and leaders and new people getting involved!**

One of the most exciting days of the week this year has become Wednesday mornings. We are quite literally *crawling* with babies and toddlers – and their moms, though they of course are walking – each Wednesday. First Wednesdays between 15-25 moms attend our new MOPS group in the Robinson Fellowship Hall, and with them 20-30 little ones in our Moppets rooms. Second and fourth Wednesdays we have more than a dozen moms meeting for our new Mom-Talk Bible study group, and third Wednesdays our MOPS Steering Team moms meet for planning and equipping. **Give it up for moms and babies and the volunteers who take care of them all!**

Another great day here each week? Tuesday mornings at our weekly staff meetings. When I first came to Summit in 2012, Faith and I gathered each week to pray and plan. Those were sweet days and I cherished them greatly, but one of the signs – and needs – of a growing church is a growing staff. Today, our staff meetings include Faith and myself, along with Nathan Perry, Julie Mirth, Jerry Benjamin, and on occasion our new Childcare Ministry Lead, Latoria Donohue.

We have been very creative with our

staffing, able to hire more staff without significantly increasing our budget. For one, we split Faith’s position into two in order to create Julie’s position. We have had two childcare positions for the past two years (we need at least two adults in any room where we have children under the age of 18). The only real addition to the staff budget came when we hired Cathy Best as our bookkeeper this last fall. The value and efficiency Cathy has added to our work here has been more than all our weight in GOLD. She is amazing and sharp, and blesses us every week with her gracious presence, keeping us in line legally and financially. We were never out of line before with our volunteer bookkeepers, of course, but there were laws and banking trends that we were not always keeping up with. Not to mention the time and training it takes to do a good job with books for a non-profit – we really should have been paying someone to do this all along. **So give it up for a great and growing Summit staff!**

God is at work here at Summit, growing our hearts and growing our ministries. I pray God blesses you and blesses our whole Bremerton community through the work and witness of this church.



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## Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00am Adult S.S Classes  
 9:00am Brass Handbells  
 10:00am Chancel Choir  
**10:30am Worship**  
 11:00am Kids Sunday School  
 11:45am Coffee Hour  
 3:00pm Youth Group

Audio sermons available at  
[www.summitave.net](http://www.summitave.net)

### Every Member a Minister

*As Presbyterians, we believe God calls and equips all of us to serve and lead in the church. The following list of names is a reminder to those who have signed up to serve in the coming weeks. Like to be on this list? Give the office a call or mark a blue card with your name and how you'd like to help, and we'll contact you!*

### Communion

Mar. 6 Delcea Wills, Ruth Martin  
 Ken Davis,

### Liturgist

Mar. 6 Rick Chapman  
 Mar. 13 Barbara Stark  
 Mar. 20 Nathan Perry  
 Mar. 27 Bethany Nupen  
 Sharon Peterson

### Usher & Greeters

Mar. 6 Joyce Hersch,  
 Bethany Nupen, Bev Pratt,  
 Aggie Schultheis  
 Mar. 13 Ken Davis, Bud Taylor  
 Sue Davis, Peggy Hitchcock  
 Mar. 20 Sue Kela, Alison Bowling  
 John & Jeannie Lemm  
 Mar. 27 Mike & Bev Kelly  
 Shannon & Jennifer Griffin

### Time For Young Disciples

Mar. 6 Nathan Perry  
 Mar. 13 Wallace Ross  
 Mar. 20 Bethany Nupen  
 Mar. 27 Sharon Peterson  
 Pastor Susie Beil

### Acolytes

Mar. 6 Jonah Griffin  
 Mar. 13 Jonathan Beil  
 Mar. 20 Ruth Ross  
 Mar. 27 Jayke Kelly

### Organist

Mar. 6 Len Guyt  
 Mar. 13 Joann Richardson  
 Mar. 20 Woody Bernas  
 Mar. 27 Woody Bernas

### Hospitality Team

Mar 6 Griff Ames, Ray Goodale  
 Mar 13 Rick & Karen Chapman  
 Ken & Sue Davis  
 Mar 20 John Lemm, Bud Taylor  
 Steve Van Hoff, Delcea Wills  
 Mar 27 Chuck & Jean Feth  
 Sue Hall, Mabel Richardson  
 April:3 Audrey Robinson, Jerry Dick  
 Midge Kettle, Margaret Lefevre  
 April 10: James & Alonda Droege  
 Joyce Gearhart,  
 Wayne Jordheim  
 April 17: Wallace & Juie Ross  
 Beverly Pratt, Sonia Turner  
 April 24: Joyce Hersch, Marsha Kane  
 Bethany Nupen, Sue Hall

## Feasting on the Word

Date	Scripture	Sermon Title	Preacher
March 6	Joshua 5:9-12 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32	Lost and Found	Rev. Susie Beil
March 13	Isaiah 43: 16-21 John 12: 1-8	Costly	Rev. Susie Beil
March 20	Isaiah 50:4-9 Luke 23:1-49	Why? What Crime has this man Committed?	Rev. Susie Beil
March 27	Isaiah 65:17-25 Luke 24:1-12	On the First Day	Rev. Susie Beil
April 3	Acts 5:27-32 John 20:19-31		Rev. Jerry Benjamin
April 10	Acts 9:1-6 John 21:-19		Elder Rick Chapman

## Holy Week & Easter 2016

Palm Sunday: March 20 at 10:30am

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### Maundy Thursday Services in the community

- Our Saviour's Lutheran, 7 PM
- Our Lady Star of the Sea, 7 PM Mass
- First Christian Church of Bremerton: Soup & Bread with service to follow 6 PM
- St. Paul's Episcopal Church 7 PM

HE HAS RISEN

# EASTER SUNDAY

9:00am      3/27/16      10:30am

Bring a friend and come celebrate the resurrection!

## 2016 Women's Retreat at Island Lake

women: 32  
days: 2

food, fellowship, fun: priceless!



## Purpose

By Nathan Perry

### I Never Fail because I Never Try!

The biggest failure is to never try. Have you ever heard the quote, “You miss 100% of the shots you never take”? This quote speaks to me about how important goal setting is. In fact, sin essentially is ‘missing the mark.’ We all fall short and we all make mistakes. If we aren’t setting goals we are aiming at nothing. In archery terms, the goal is to hit the bullseye. But if we’re shooting around with no real target, then that can be dangerous! I remember as a youth playing with a bow and arrow unsupervised and I had the great idea of shooting an arrow straight in the air. As I released it, it occurred to me that it will have to come down and I don’t know where that will be!

### A Purpose Driven Life

What about our lives? If we are not setting goals, we are tempted to do whatever impulses come our way regardless of how dumb, or even well intentioned it may be. We may not see much into the future because we are always focused on what is directly in front of us right now. Goals force us to look ahead. It also reveals what is most important to us. Goals force us to evaluate. It gives direction and purpose.

## Discernment

Having clear and defined goals also helps us say no to distractions, bad ideas, OR even *good* ideas that don’t line up with our purpose. For example, when graduating Northwest University I said no to an awesome job opportunity to be one of three regional directors with One on One Basketball Company in the Seattle area. I would have been doing something I love. Playing basketball, coaching after school programs, running training camps and working with kids and youth all the while having a great salary. This was not a bad thing, however, it did not take much prayer to discern this was not lining up with God’s call on my life for ministry.

## The Mission

So when it comes to our church, what vision and goals do we have? An even better and more important question to ask is, ‘What vision and goals does God have for us?’ Who are we reaching? Who are we not reaching? Who are we trying to reach? How do we impact our community? In our teams, who else can be involved? What opportunities are we giving to empower other leaders? What gifts, talents, passions do we have that we are offering the church for God’s mission? Let’s continue to dream together as we move forward!

## What About Our Students?

For kids and youth, I want to see students who have a deep love for God and for . . . for His church whom Christ died for. I want to see students whose faith is not only evident on Sundays but who integrate it into their daily life.

How do we continue to do this and do it well? Let’s dream together Summit! How can you be a part of shaping and empowering this generation for Christ? They need us. Please consider being a part of kids and youth, whether for Sunday school, VBS, coming to the youth auction, being a prayer partner, helping with Summit Youth, being a part of our planning meetings! If there is something stirring in your heart I’d love to sit with you and hear what God is saying!

## Moving Forward

To lead the ministry aimlessly can be dangerous. We may end up somewhere down the road we never intended to be. But to set a course and to set our eyes on the prize gives us identity and purpose. It is messy. We will make mistakes, learn, grow, but ultimately we will be living a life worthy of our calling. I literally believe that we can change the world.

“If God is for us, who can be against us!”  
-Romans 8:31

In Christ’s service,  
Nathan Perry



D-groups are made up of adult leaders and a small group of students. They’ll meet for discipleship, fellowship and fun. This month we are challenging the youth in their faith through PRAYER!

We meet at the church:

**March 13th & 20th @ 3:00-5:00 pm**

## Serve Sunday March 6

**2pm - 4pm**

Join us as we serve homeless alongside with Kitsap Rescue Mission the first Sunday of each month.



# Youth Mission Auction

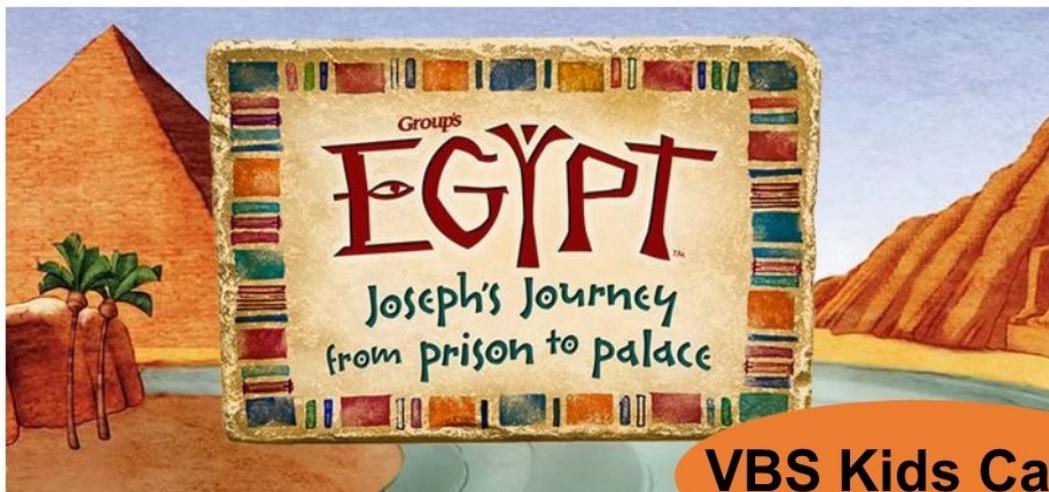
## Fundraiser & Dessert Night

**Saturday,  
March 12**



Come join us for dessert and stay for the auction fun! All proceeds will go towards the Spring Break youth mission trip to Mexico to build a house for a family in need.

Bring a friend and come shopping!  
Robinson Fellowship Hall 5:00 pm



**VBS Kids Camp**

**June 27th—July 1st**  
**9am— 12:30pm**

Kids 4 years old and entering 6th grade are invited to join us as Summit Avenue presents the amazing story of Joseph's Journey from prison to palace.

# Please



We want help you connect with everyone through our 2016 Directory. Please make sure we have your updated info. Don't forget your emergency contact info. You can update the your profile one of the following ways:

- ◆ www.summitave.net
- ◆ The RFH after worship
- ◆ Visit the office

## Bremerton Foodline News!

We have already collected over 125 pounds of our 300 pound goal for our winter food challenge! So please continue to drop your donations into the blue wagon in the Narthex. Thanks for your support!



- First Sundays** - Deacons Offering
- Third Sundays** - Helping Hands Offering
- Easter Sunday** - One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

## Help Summit Reach 100



[Summit Ave Facebook](#)

### DID YOU KNOW?

- ⇒ You can help us connect with more people if you LIKE & comment on our posts.
- ⇒ If you need help setting up or using your Facebook account, use the how to link provided, or stop in and ask Julie in the office to help get you started.

Give Summit Avenue Presbyterian Church a LIKE on Facebook so you can know first hand what we are up to at Summit! You will always find great information and fun pictures of our daily events around the office!

HOW TO USE FACEBOOK:  
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## The SAPC Library Scoop



<p><b>1. How do I find a book?</b> Use the large blue information binder; all our books are listed.</p>	<p><b>6. Magazines in the rack at the end shelf?</b> Take them. Read them. Return them.</p>
<p><b>2. How do I check out a book?</b> Write your name/ date on the card in the back/ front of the book and place card in wood box on bottom of children's shelf.</p>	<p><b>7. Magazines on the bottom shelf of Church History section?</b> Take them. Return them if you like. They are back issues.</p>
<p><b>3. How do I return my book?</b> Place your book next to the checkout box and we will do the rest.</p>	<p><b>8. Books &amp; AV material on bottom three shelves of AV rack?</b> They are free. Take them. Don't return them.</p>
<p><b>4. How do I donate books?</b> Place books in box in the closet. Leave your name and we will add you to the donor list and add a donor label to the book.</p>	<p><b>9. Children's books in the green basket on the floor?</b> Take them. They are free. You do not have to return them.</p>
<p><b>5. What if I donate a duplicate?</b> Your copy will be donated to the Theological Book Network.</p>	<p><b>10. How do I become the SAPC Librarian?</b> Talk with Pastor Susie. She can help get you all set up.</p>

## TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our Treasurer's report reflects what was approved at the previous month's Session meeting, giving us a month's lag time. So for this newsletter, we report on:

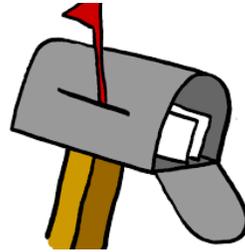
### January 2016

	Actual	Monthly Budget (expected)	Year to Date
<b>Income</b>	\$27,270.11	\$20,003.18	\$27,270.11
<b>Expense</b>	\$17,229.35	\$23,146.32	\$17,229.35

### Statistical Report of January 2016

Average Worship Attendance: 96  
 Lord's Supper: 108  
 Nursey: 4  
 Kids: 4  
 Youth: 5  
 Sunday School - Adults: 12  
 Groups: 185

## New Office Mailbox Labels!



Check out the new office mailboxes next time you stop by. If you are on Session or staff, please check your box regularly.



## Summit Leadership

### Elders

Sharon Peterson	Personnel/Youth Team
Griff Ames	Building and Grounds
Bethany Nupen	Worship/Kids
Tim Taylor	Youth/B&G/Acolytes
Judy Wieck	Clerk/Missions
Brett Harrison	Mission/Outreach
Russell Warren	Groups
Paul Du Fresne	Finance/Stewardship
Ken Davis	Mission/Memorials
Ruth Martin	Outreach/Hospitality
Dan Kranenburg	Personnel/B&G
Rick Chapman	Finance
Bev Kelly	Youth/Personnel

### Deacons

Moderator: Delcea Wills	
Joyce Hersch	Jeannie Lemm
Ellen Middents	John Lemm
Audrey Robinson	Jerry Dick
Chris Hall	Ann Sveen
Kurt Spitzer	
Cheryl Sanlin	
Sue Davis	

### Staff

**Pastor:** Rev. Susie Beil  
**Parish Associates:** Rev. Jerry Benjamin  
**Youth & Children's Ministry Director:** Nathan Perry  
**Childcare Ministry Coordinator:** Robyn Achevarra  
**Childcare Assistant:** Latoria Donohue  
**Choir Director:** Gary Dahl  
**Handbell Choir Director:** Cheryl Sanlin  
**Organists:** Woody Bernas, Joann Richardson, Len Guyt  
**Office Administrator:** Faith Parker  
**Communications Coordinator:** Julie Mirth  
**Custodian:** Darlene Randall  
**Treasurer:** Cathy Best  
**Kitchen Facilitator:** Sue Kela  
**Sound Technicians:** Rick Walker, Tineke Dahl, Karl Jensen, Rick Chapman, Oliver Dahl  
**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Mel Lord-Unruh  
**Choir Director Emeritus:** Audrey Robinson

### Desk Volunteers:

Monday	Aggie Schultheis & Bethany Nupen
Tuesday	Sharon Plowman & Joyce Hersch
Wed.	Phil McGaughey & Judy Wieck
Thurs	Mary Urwin, Sue Kela, Sue Hall

**Subs:** Ray Goodale, Bud Taylor, Laura Blair

*Growing disciples in all generations by loving God, loving others, and serving the world.*

## **Holy Week & Easter 2016**

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Easter Sunday: March 27 at **9:00 & 10:30am**

(Easter egg hunt to follow both services for toddlers—6th)

\* For Maundy Thursday services see pg. 3

Youth Auction  
March 12th  
5:00pm



Come enjoy an evening of fundraising and fellowship as we support our youth for their Mission trip to Mexico.

### Office Hours

Monday-Thursday  
9am - 2pm  
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