



## *The Weekly Chalice*

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025

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"The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom,  
and whatever else you get, get insight."

-Proverbs 4:7

Insight begins with the assumption that we are on the outside of something--the outside of knowledge about something, the outside of the experience of someone else, the outside of a particular learning or skill. Insight begins with the acknowledgment that we do not know, understand or experience everything. And when we can be in that place of acknowledgment, we also will experience a bit of humility.

I spent part of my time off in Pullman, WA visiting my oldest child, Ally, who will soon graduate from WSU. I went to see her (and many of her friends) participate in SURCA (Showcase for Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities). Ally has been a part of a PhD led research project for two years investigating the inner workings of a plant essential to oil production in the food and cosmetic industry. The research, funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation, could lead to discoveries that make the farming and harvesting of this plant more efficient and sustainable. Ally recently learned that she will be listed as a co-author on this research project, which is a great honor.

Ally was one among two hundred and seventy undergraduate students presenting their hard work in so many areas of science and discovery. Walking around and hearing their many presentations on their research and discoveries gives me so much hope for the inquisitiveness and curiosity that leads to new insight and discoveries.

This kind of work deserves our support and our tax-funded grant monies to push insight and discovery forward--to begin understanding that which is on the outside of our understanding, experience and knowledge.

We also stand on the outside of spiritual understanding, experience and knowledge--never fully capturing the full essence of God and God in the world and universe. In some ways, I think God meant to design it all this way so that there would always be an element of the unknown and we would never become too proud and too full of our own self-importance. As we continue through the season of Lent, may we continue to feel the hunger for knowledge, the inquisitiveness for the mysterious and the longing to know God more fully.  
-Rochelle+



Join us for a church work day on Saturday, April 12th from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. as we do some spring cleaning in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. Bring yard work tools and cleaning supplies for inside. Lunch will be provided. We hope to see you there.



Lent, Holy Week & Easter at Sumner First Christian Church:

+**Soup & Art** – in the Art Studio: Thursdays in Lent at 5:30 pm. No experience or skill is needed (you have all you need within you!).

+**Palm Sunday**, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m.

+Maundy Thursday supper service: April 17 at 6 pm (in person)

+**Good Friday Cross Walk (Puyallup)**: April 18 at 4 pm (meet at the parking lot at 3rd St SW & W Pioneer).

+**Good Friday Tenebrae service of shadows**: April 18 at 6 pm

+**Easter Sunday at 10:30 a.m.** Be sure to bring cut flowers to decorate the cross.



**Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> @ noon (after church)**

Becky Scholz, of Becky's Baskets, is generously donating flowers and plants for our spring sale. If you have small boxes that could be used to transport plants, bring those in advance of the sale and spread the word!



Our annual Congregational meeting is set for June 29<sup>th</sup> after church. At this meeting we will vote on a proposed budget for the

2025-2026 fiscal year as well as well as a slate of nominees for church leadership. Sumner First Christian Church is a registered 501c3 and is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. *Our Board meets once a month to touch base and make any necessary decisions about ongoing operations, ministry and needs.* As the work of nominating leaders for the coming year begins, we ask that you prayerfully consider if God might be calling you to this work.

Our church bylaws offer some guidance that might be helpful in considering leadership in the church.

**Qualifications for all elected and appointed officers include:**

+Be a participating member of the church for at least 6 months (participating members are described as those who exercise a continuing interest in one or more of the following ways: attendance, giving, activity and spiritual concern for the fellowship of the congregation),

+Be of good moral report and respect in the community,

+Attend church regularly,

+Be involved in programs and activities of the church,

+Exhibit a willingness to serve,

+Contribute to the financial support of the church to the best of their ability.

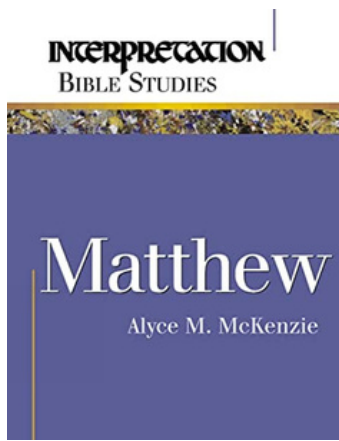
**Terms of Service:**

+All officers of the congregation, except Elders, shall be elected to a single one year term of office and must be reelected each June not to exceed three consecutive terms.

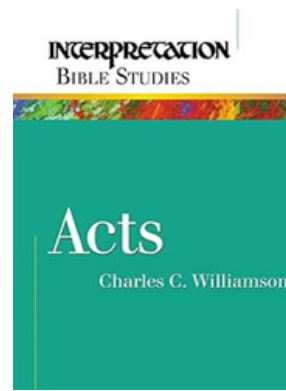
+Elders shall be elected to two year terms of office not to exceed two consecutive terms.

+Officers who have served three consecutive terms of office, and elders who have served two consecutive terms of office, shall be required to take one year off before being elected to the same position.

We will have some orientation time for new leaders and to plan for the coming year. We hope you will consider being a part of this rewarding work!



Our youth and young adult Bible study will meet again on **Friday, April 25th @ 2:30 p.m.** We will be discussing chapter one of the study on Matthew's Gospel. Please contact Pastor Rochelle for more information on location. We hope you can join us!



The Acts of the Apostles is the book that tells us "what's next" in the story after Jesus' resurrection and ascension. Pastor Rochelle will be leading a Bible Study on the book of Acts utilizing Charles C. Williams *Interpretation Bible Studies* book. A sign up sheet is

available to indicate times of interest: Tuesday evening at 6:00 p.m. on Zoom, Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in person. The study is six weeks long and will be held between Easter and Pentecost. Books will be available to those who sign up for the study (a \$10 donation to offset the cost is appreciated). **Please contact Pastor Rochelle with any questions or to indicate your preference on meeting day/time: [Pastor@sumnerfcc.org](mailto:Pastor@sumnerfcc.org).**

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| Sunday   | Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday  | Saturday   |
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|  |   | 1<br>10:30 am Prayer Group<br>12:00 pm AA<br>6:30 pm AA                                | 2<br>10:30 am AI Anon<br>12:30 pm Sober Sisters                                | 3<br>12:00 pm AA<br>5:30-7:00 pm Supper in the Art Studio<br>7:00 pm GA                                 | 4<br>12:00 pm AA  | 5<br>9:00 am – 12:00 pm SCP Clean Day<br>12:00 pm AA         |
| 6<br>9:00 am Children's Worship & Wonder<br>10:30 Worship Service<br>Elder Meeting after Service | 7<br>12:00 pm AA<br>SCP Closed for Spring Break | 8<br>10:30 am Prayer Group<br>12:00 pm AA<br>6:30 pm AA<br>SCP Closed for Spring Break | 9<br>10:30 am AI Anon<br>12:30 pm Sober Sisters<br>SCP Closed for Spring Break | 10<br>12:00 pm AA<br>5:30-7:00 pm Supper in the Art Studio<br>7:00 pm GA<br>SCP Closed for Spring Break | 11<br>12:00 pm AA<br>SCP Closed for Spring Break                                | 12<br>9:00 am – 1:00 pm Church Work Day/Lunch<br>12:00 pm AA |
| 13<br>Palm Sunday<br>10:30 Worship Service<br>Board Meeting after Service                        | 14<br>12:00 pm AA<br>6:30 pm SCP Board Meeting  | 15<br>10:30 am Prayer Group<br>12:00 pm AA<br>6:30 pm AA                               | 16<br>10:30 am AI Anon<br>12:30 pm Sober Sisters                               | 17<br>12:00 pm AA<br>6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service<br>7:00 pm GA                                      | 18<br>12:00 pm AA<br>4:00 pm Puyallup Cross Walk<br>6:00 pm Good Friday Service | 19<br>12:00 pm AA  |
| 20<br>Easter Sunday<br>9:00 am Baptisms<br>10:30 Worship Service                                 | 21<br>12:00 pm AA                               | 22<br>10:30 am Prayer Group<br>12:00 pm AA<br>6:30 pm AA                               | 23<br>10:30 am AI Anon<br>12:30 pm Sober Sisters<br>6:00 pm Book Club          | 24<br>12:00 pm AA<br>7:00 pm GA   | 25<br>12:00 pm AA<br>2:30 Youth Bible Study                                     | 26<br>12:00 pm AA  |
| 27<br>10:30 Worship Service<br>12:00 pm Plant Sale   | 28<br>12:00 pm AA                               | 29<br>10:30 am Prayer Group<br>12:00 pm AA<br>6:30 pm AA                               | 30<br>10:30 am AI Anon<br>12:30 pm Sober Sisters                               |   |   |  |