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New Basel Newsletter

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Some things just don't go the way we thought they would. Just ask the Oregon State Highway Division.

Eyewitnesses will never forget where they stood on November 12, 1970. A whale had beached itself in Florence, Oregon, and authorities were stumped about what to do with the body. Someone had the bright idea of using dynamite. A lot of dynamite. One thousand pounds, to be exact. An explosives expert on the scene said that 10 pounds would be enough, and that one thousand pounds was way too much. When the authorities wouldn't listen, however, he retreated to a dune a very long way away. And what happened next is the stuff of legend.

It took a couple seconds to register. The assembled crowd unplugged their ears, turned their attention to the expanding cloud of red, and then turned to flee. Everyone there was soon covered in pulverized, foul smelling whale blubber. One particularly large piece, weighing around 250 pounds, demolished a brand new car parked a quarter mile away. The fact that this car was owned by the expert that tried to intervene only adds to the story. Google 'exploding whale' and you can watch the whole thing yourself!

So things don't always go according to plan. We see it in stories like this, we see it with the KC Chiefs, we see it in our own lives, and we see it in the Bible. One spectacular example of this is the story of King Solomon.

— Solomon's story begins so promising in 1Kings 3. God tells him that He would give him anything he wanted, and Solomon

doesn't ask for money, power, or authority, but rather for wisdom to rule well. God loves this answer, and promises to deliver, along with the money, power, and authority he didn't seek. A very promising beginning!

But by chapter 11, everything had totally fallen apart, and verse 11 is complete disaster. Go read 1Kings 11:1-13 for yourself!

Where did it all go wrong? With his wives? As it turns out, Solomon's story is full of subtle hints about things going wrong, and the first is in 1Kings 3:3. Throughout his rule, he was in direct violation of the Law, as spelled out in Deut 17:14-20. In short, while Solomon made a life changing decision to follow God when he asked for wisdom, he also made many, many smaller decisions on a daily basis that led him away from God. And the result was disaster.

There is a lesson here for all of us. We may think we have a pretty good idea of how our lives are going to play out by looking at the major decisions and turning points in our lives. But that is only half the picture. The smaller, everyday decisions matter, too. In fact, those smaller, everyday decisions play an enormous role in determining whether our lives will be an inspiration to follow, or turn them into a cautionary tale to avoid.

Living a life of Godly wisdom is a decision that is made every day. All day, every day. Make sure your decisions point to your decision to follow Christ, and your life will go according to plan. His!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Jamie

New Basel Church Council
Monday October 3, 2022

Called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Vice President Francis Anderson

Present:

Elders: Nicole Shrack, Pam O’Neal

Deacons: Holly Bethe, Francis Anderson

Trustees: Gary Foltz

Pastor Jamie gave a devotion before the business meeting

Pam O’Neal made a motion to approve September minutes Gary Foltz seconded the motion.

Communications:

Charles and Lila Watson sent a card and check in honor of her parents Lawrence Sybert and Mildred Sybert Foltz family is requesting to use the Parish Hall for Thanksgiving

Facebook communication from Linda Pendarvis that she purchased a few plates on an online auction. In that was a New Basel Centennial Plate. She is asking if anyone in the congregation would like to have that plate. She will be willing to mail it or meet somewhere (she lives in Junction City). Pastor Jamie is going to reach out to her and let her know we would take the plate.

Reports:

Memorial Committee

None

Financial Secretary and Treasurer:

Pam O’Neal gave the Financial Secretary’s report for September.

Holly Bethe gave the Treasurer’s report for September.

Pastor’s Reports:

Work Summary for 9/5/22- 10/2/22

Worship- Preached and/or led Sunday worship 4 times, 1 Funeral

Administration Meetings- 1 Church Council, 1 Women’s Fellowship, 1 Funeral Planning

Pastoral Care- 11 Phone visits, 3 Home Visit, 5 Hospital Visits

Other- 1 Crosstalk Video conference, 2 Volunteer Reading (RCGS), 1 Funeral Visitations, Harvest Home Pot Luck

Vacation Days

Professional Development Days

This Month: 5

This Month: 0

YTD: 12

YTD: 10

Milage: 167 miles

Elders-

Pam O'Neal reported 43 took communion on October 2nd

Deacons:

None

Trustee:

One triangle piece of stain glass was broken out. Pastor Jamie has talked to someone who has worked with stain glass, they have reviewed the process with him, and he is confident with trying to replace it with help from someone else. It was also discussed pricing the cost of plexiglass to cover the stain glass to protect it.

Basement ceiling still needs to be worked on. Council members discussed hanging sheetrock over top of the ceiling and cover the popcorn ceiling up.

Old Business:

Fall Party is October 14th

Fall work date still to be announced

Sound & video system maintenance, Pastor Jamie is going to reach out to a contact that was given to the church.

New Business:

M/S/C to pay bills that were presented.

Stain Glass Window repair was discussed during the Trustee reports.

Benevolent Fund 2022 will be discussed at the next meeting

Nominating Committee will be selected at the next council meeting

Movie Night and copywrite. Pam moved we purchase the copywrite for the Church to play movies at movie night. Gary Foltz seconded the motion. Verbal vote was taken and passed.

Upcoming Events:

October 14th Fall Party 6:30pm

October 21st ECHO articles due

October 30th Sunday Brunch

November 6th Communion


November 7th Council Meeting 7pm

November 27th Hanging of the Greens

No Other Announcements:

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m. by praying the Lord's Prayer in unison

Nicole Shrack, Secretary



Upcoming Sunday School Events

November 27th: Hanging of the Greens

December 11th: Children's Christmas Program (practice will be during Sunday School on December 4th & 11th)

December 18th: Christmas Party during Sunday School

December 25th - January 8th: No Sunday School

January 15th: Sunday School Classes Resume and **Confirmation classes begin**

February 4th/ 5th: Bierock Fundraiser

Women's Fellowship

New Basel women's fellowship met October 19, at 2:00 p.m., in the church lounge with Marcile as hostess. Eight women and Pastor Jamie were present. President Janis presided over the meeting.

The meeting opened with Peggy giving devotions, 'Thanksgiving in all Things', based on First Thessalonians 5:16.

Minutes of the September meeting were read and approved.

A communication from Jane Haney was read thanking the women's fellowship for the meal served after Harlow's funeral.

Peggy gave the treasurer's report.

The Christian Education committee would like the women's fellowship to take over hanging of the greens. After much discussion it was decided the women's fellowship would do so. Movie night was discussed. The second Sunday night of the month was a suggested date. This date will be confirmed later. The purchase of a popcorn machine is being looked into.

Pastor Jamie plans to hold a confirmation class after the first of the year. He would like information on the history of New Basel church.

Jan gave the lesson on Jairus, the two-faced leader.

Janis closed the meeting with prayer.

Jan will be hostess for the November 16 meeting.

Ila Beemer, acting secretary

A huge "Thank You" to our New Basel family and friends for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, food, and visits while Harlow was in the hospital and after his passing on September 20. Thank You, Pastor Jamie, for your visits to the hospital and for your message at the funeral. Thank you, Peggy Meuli for the beautiful organ music played at the service.

A special Thanks also to all who planned, prepared food, served the noon meal, and cleaned the kitchen and Parish Hall afterwards.

Our family truly appreciated your caring and support during this difficult time.

The Family of Harlow Haney



November 6th



Thank You for your care & concern at the time of Harlow's 105 year old Aunt, Virginia Ade's, death thru cards and phone calls on October 16.

Also, for your cards and phone calls I received on my special birthday, October 26.

Jane Haney



Prayer Requests

Elaine Bethe
Naoma Foltz
Harold Provance
Dwight Meuli
Cecil Schrader

Judy Lauer
Kelly Schrader
Tammy Anderson
Rodney Anderson
Judy Barten

NOVEMBER INFORMATION

Birthdays

- 3rd Katelyn Reiff
- 4th Kenny Chamberlin
- 9th Kari Beetch
- 10th Greg Beetch
- 11th Adam Gantenbein
Scott Reiff
- 13th Larry Haugh
- 20th Kara Cromwell
- 22nd Riley Hunnicutt
- 24th Suzie Barten
- 26th Joan Reiff
- 28th Emily Haynes



Anniversary

11th Randy & Judy Barten

The Thanksgiving Community
Worship will be Sunday
November 20th with refreshments
to follow.



Greeters, Acolytes, & Usher for November

	<u>Greeters:</u>	<u>Acolytes:</u>
6 th	Dwight & Marion Kamm	Devin Kamm
13 th	Carolyn Beetch and Deanna Stalder	Savanah Smiley
20 th	Clarine Robson & Naoma Foltz	Blake Murphy
27 th	Terry & Angie Reiff	Sterling Bonnema

November Usher: Gary Foltz

Thank you to Bob O'Neal for being the October Usher!



Movie Night - It's finally happening! People have talked about restarting this for quite a while, and your Church Council has made it possible to start showing movies again for the congregation. Once a month, on the second Sunday of the month, we will have a movie showing at 5pm in the Lounge. First up is *Facing The Giants* on November 13th. Kids can join in or play in the nursery/parish hall. Come for the encouraging movie, come for the popcorn, come for the friends, but come join us!

