

Men of Faith Report

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This is year marked the 10th anniversary of Men of Faith. In 2008, some men at FPC perceived their need for deeper discipleship through closer friendships. Out of that need was born the MOF ministry.

Activities sponsored by MOF in 2019 included:

- **Spring Breakfast:** The men had the privilege of hearing Rev. Ian Hamilton, retired pastor of Cambridge Presbyterian Church. His theme was "A Reflection on the ministry of the Holy Spirit: Mortifying sin, Witnessing to our spirit; Helping us in prayer". We were encouraged by this time together in the Word. Special thanks to Dale Woodard for leading the efforts in the kitchen.
- **10th Annual Oktoberfest:** Ken Kvale graciously agreed to host our 10th annual Oktoberfest on October 5th. Our guest speaker Rev. Matthew Lanser, Executive Pastor at our sister church Trinity Presbyterian Seattle, gave a message titled, "Prayer and Her Formative Fruit". The Men were greeted with great weather and were able to enjoy time in fellowship while enjoying some Faith-Style Bavarian Meat. Special thanks to our host Mr. Ken Kvale and also to Luke Bentson and Jeff Bone for the contribution of their excellent skill at the grill.
- **Small Groups:** Small groups meet at intervals (usually monthly).
- **AM Prayer Meetings:** Weekly off-site, early AM prayer meetings (see announcements in Sunday order of service for details). Special thanks to Phil Perkins and Thom Wilson.
- **Genesis 39:** in 2016 Genesis 39 was launched to 1) to promote a Biblical understanding and practice of sexuality, 2) to raise awareness of the ever-present dangers of sexual temptations and raise necessary barriers, and 3) to assist those embroiled in sexual struggles by befriending and speaking the power and hope of the Gospel into their lives, wherever they find themselves in that struggle. Genesis 39 during the year of 2019 continued to have monthly Sunday school classes led by various men in the congregation.

Men at FPC have many opportunities to serve and be served. Many of these do not fall under the auspices of MOF, but deserve mention here. Among them are: the biannual men's night of prayer (held on Good Friday and the Friday before Reformation Sunday), Saturday morning work parties coordinated by the Deacons, the Father-Sons group, Fathers of Young Children group that meets monthly at alternating locations.

As "Iron sharpens iron and one man sharpens another," the men at FPC are greatly encouraged to be involved in one another's lives to strengthen, sharpen and support each other. For more information and to stay informed of the different ways you can be involved in Men of Faith, visit the Men of Faith page www.faihtacoma.org/community/men-of-faith.

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