Hello Woodinville Alliance Family

As we head into Advent, which is a time of anticipation and wonder, we desire that you would discover how ***Impossibly Good*** (the theme for our Advent Season) God is. Our heart for you, as our Church family, is that you would both “know and be known” by God as you connect with the community and live into his dream for you.

We are excited to announce that we are preparing a special Advent season for you in our Sunday Services! We ask that you begin to consider how you might intentionally create space to enjoy the coming season; invite God into your life in new ways; take an extra moment to hear how God may be searching your own heart; expect that God would bless you richly. We hope you find the confidence of faith to believe in a good Father because***,*** *this* News is really *that* GOOD.

The Governing Council and Leadership would also like to recognize and encourage the ways that our community has been growing and meeting the budgeted needs of our Church in the first (4) months of this fiscal year. Thank you! As outlined in our Annual Meeting in June, gifts that exceed the budgeted income of the church will be used to expand the areas of Worship and Arts, Missions, and Outreach in 2017. We are excited about this trajectory and intend to update you on these developments in a February 2017 congregational update.

Heading into December, we bring to your attention that we budget to receive nearly one quarter of our annual tithe ($154,000) in this one month. We humbly invite you to consider what meaningful or new responses of generosity God might be developing in you for our community, financially or otherwise, as we continue to grow together. This year, financial updates throughout December will be available primarily online through “The Scoop,” our weekly newsletter, as our Sunday Services will be taking on a simplified atmosphere of worship and response (this will temporarily include fewer in-service communications).

If you have questions about the tax advantages surrounding appreciated assets (ie, stocks, bonds), please contact Dave Blackmer (Treasurer) at [daveb@wachurch.us](mailto:daveb@wachurch.us) for further information.

We continue to be amazed at all the ways that God has entrusted the needs of others to us and in the ways in which we see him working through you. We pray that you and your family would adopt the words of Paul in 1 Thessalonians 2:8… *“Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.”*

Warmly,

**Governing Council** - Isaiah Stewart, Charlie Vaughan, Cindy Wuflestad, Norm Donelson, Kris Johnson, Brian Whitney

**Lead Pastor** – Phil Strong