



## MEET SYDNEY!

Hey friends! Sydney here and if you don't already know me, here are the basics: I lived in the PNW all my life and love it. I'm married to fellow Olynnial, Catherine (CJ). We have two beautiful kids ages 2 and 7 and two awesome cats (don't listen to anything Catherine says about them.) I got my degree in early childhood education, but decided to open my dream photography business instead. I do this full-time and am so glad I decided to go for it as it allows me to be home with my kids during the day and have a more flexible schedule! Some things that make me happy in no particular order are: coffee, hiking, mountains, light and shadows, road trips, family time, traveling, photography, Harry Potter, sunshine, game nights, the beach, daffodils, singing, audio books, exploring some place new, and Disneyland! Looking forward to getting to know you all better! -Sydney



SYDNEY PEARCE



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/Olynnials/>

March 2019



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### April

### Tacos & Trivia!

Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm

Location: Alpine Village Apartment Clubhouse  
301 T St SW, Tumwater, WA

*Provided: Everything to make-your-own-tacos!*

*Bring: Drinks and/or snack/dessert*

We will split into groups and compete in random fact trivia. Everything from history, pop culture, sports, Bible, science, music & more! Time to dust off that brain of yours ;) Prizes will be awarded!

Finally! A chance to show off all that random (definitely not useless!) 🤔 knowledge you've been storing in that brain of yours! Come join us for a trivia night house party! We'll be splitting up into groups of 4-6 and battling it out for trophies and a prize! We'll have everything to make your own tacos 😊 Bring your favorite drink/side/dessert and a friend!

### May

### Monthly Gathering!

Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm - 9 pm

Location: Matchless Brewery

8036 River Dr SE #208,



*Provided: Beer, chips & salsa*

*Bring: Money for the food truck or a meal/snacks*

Come and circle around as we discuss this month's topic: Immigration. We'll be sharing our thoughts on recent events pertaining to immigration and examining how our faith impacts our views and world practices.

No research or prep work required 😊 Just come, listen, and chat about your thoughts on **immigration**. We'll talk about what role Christianity plays into our feelings and listen to our personal stories related to immigration. There's a taco truck in front of the brewery, or you're welcome to bring in your own food. Your beer/soda is on us! And don't forget to bring a friend! The more viewpoints the better!

# Take a Look, it's in a Book!

**Looking for a book to read?** If you're in your 20's, check out "The Defining Decade: Why your Twenties matter – and how to make the most of them now," by Meg Jay, PhD. Below is a description:

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Our "thirty-is-the-new-twenty" culture tells us the twentysomething years don't matter. Some say they are a second adolescence. Others call them an emerging adulthood. Dr. Meg Jay, a clinical psychologist, argues that twentysomethings have been caught in a swirl of hype and misinformation, much of which has trivialized what is actually the most defining decade of adulthood.

The result is a provocative read that provides the tools necessary to make the most of your twenties, and shows us how work, relationships, personality, social networks, identity, and even the brain can change more during this decade than at any other time in adulthood-if we use the time wisely.

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## WHAT'S NEW?

### New Format & Schedule!

Starting in May, we will be switching to a more consistent format that will allow our group to grow both socially and spiritually. At our monthly gatherings, we will have a topic for discussion and will circle around while we share our thoughts, experiences, and ideas. At each gathering, there will be a bowl that you can anonymously write down a topic of interest to discuss at a future event. This could be a current event, a theological question, or another idea that would be a good conversation starter. No prep work required! Just come and join in on the discussion! We will also be meeting at the same place and day/time each month so it will be easier to add to our busy calendars ☺

**Where:** Matchless Brewery in Tumwater

**When:** Third Friday of Each Month

**Time:** 7 pm – 9 pm

**Bring:** Please bring food or money for the taco truck that is parked in front on Fridays

## EVENT RECAP!



Thank you all who came out for our Stories & Sandwiches night! It was so much fun being able to circle up and learn more about one another. I'm a big believer that we have more similarities than we do differences, it's just that the differences are easier to spot. Hearing our stories of where we came from and where we are now is not just interesting, it gets us thinking about the direction on where we want to go. Towards the end of the night, we all wrote down anonymous topics/ideas/questions/and suggestions that we can discuss at our future get-togethers. I can tell we are going to have some wonderful conversations as a group coming up!

- Brooklyn

## Did you know?



### Growing Young Assessment

WPC & TUCO have partnered with the Fuller Youth Institute in a research study called Growing Young. Each congregation completed a survey last month to determine how we can more effectively meet the needs of our younger-aged congregation, and in turn, grow our congregation younger. The results just came back and each church will be hosting a table talk about the findings. I really encourage you to attend your congregation's meeting on this to provide creative input on how we might improve in the areas we scored lower, and to identify the reasons why we are doing better in other areas.

**Westminster:** Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> @ 12 pm  
**United Churches:** TBD in May

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