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**1 John 4:7**

*Beloved, let us love one another,  
for love is of God; and everyone  
who loves is born of God and  
knows God.*

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## FROM THE REV. CHRIS MURPHY

Recently I was interviewed by the Newberg Graphic about my first few months as the pastor of our church. It was nice to share that I am having a great experience with our church as my family deepens our relationship with this community. I used the opportunity to share some of my dreams for Newberg First Presbyterian.

I highlighted that we are a church growing young as we empower children, youth, and young adults. I mentioned as part of growing young we are starting a college and young adult ministry this fall. The leaders of this ministry will be myself, my wife Karen, and our young adult leaders: Andrew Davis, Jack Reamy, and Ilsa Teppo. The exact structure and vision for this ministry will develop organically, but our first leaders meeting will be in August and our kickoff will be in September.

I shared as well that the beauty of our church is our heart of inclusion. We welcome everyone and we are inclusive of all people. We want people who feel marginalized in our society to feel accepted in our church.

I shared that we have a passion in our church for deep spirituality centered on personal relationship with Jesus and that we have a huge heart for mission. I am happy that at the end of July we celebrated our love for mission by having our mission partners Telile Fikru Badecha preach and sing on July 22nd and Brian and Julie O'Herin as our guest preachers on July 29th.

Our heart for deep spirituality is especially seen currently in our new prayer group that meets the first Sunday of every month. This group has grown to close to 15 people and we are always open for new members. We are learning different forms of prayer and exploring what it means for our church to be a House of Prayer.

Lastly, I will say that my heart for our church is summarized in the following statement. Newberg First Presbyterian Church is a Christ centered community growing in love with God, one another, and the world through the power of the Holy Spirit. My prayer is that people who join our community will be well loved. Martin Luther King Jr. spoke of the Beloved Community. King's vision for society was a beloved community of love, peace, justice, and reconciliation. May our church be a beloved community that glorifies Jesus in all that we do together.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Chris



## **Following long transition period, new pastor Chris Murphy bringing stability and a vision for the future**

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In recent years, longtime Newberg First Presbyterian Church member Chuck Zickefoose has liked to joke that a more fitting name would be First Presbyterian Church AARP. But coming out of a long transition following the retirement of pastor Peter Blank that included three interim pastors, Zickefoose said he believes new pastor Chris Murphy is already well on his way to making that quip about the church a thing of the past.

"I feel he's doing an excellent job," Zickefoose said. "He has a very good attitude toward the things we've had to face without a pastor. We're very pleased with how it's working."

Murphy, who started Feb. 1, had relatively limited pastoral experience in a church setting, but otherwise checked off all of the boxes the congregation was looking for in its next leader. Most importantly, he demonstrated he had a vision for helping the church "grow younger."

"It's an older congregation and it wants to have a future," Murphy said. "My background is in college and grad school ministry, so one of the things I brought to the interview is a goal to partner with George Fox University in helping start a college and young adult ministry." After graduating from Whitworth University in 1994, Murphy worked as a campus minister at Seattle-Pacific University and began pursuing a master's degree in divinity at Fuller Theological Seminary's satellite campus in Seattle.

Murphy later moved to Pasadena, Calif., to pursue his graduate work full-time at Fuller's primary campus, which is where he met his wife Karen.

After graduating, Murphy was hired by Fuller's Presbyterian ministries department while his wife pursued her doctorate in historical theology. Murphy stayed on for 13 years, serving as a minister to undergraduate and grad students, teachers and administrators en route to becoming director of the department.

Along with daughters Cate and Chiara, the couple moved to Oregon in 2015 to be closer to Chris' parents, who retired in Newberg. For two and a half years, he served as associate pastor for youth and young adults at Westminister Presbyterian Church in Portland.

"I love campus ministry and grad school ministry, but also have a heart for the church, so working at Westminister was great experience," Murphy said. "There is a team of four pastors and I was kind of learning the ropes and got an opportunity to preach. It's a fairly large church, so it was a great experience and it definitely confirmed my heart to be a lead pastor."

Partnering with George Fox to launch a student ministry at First Presbyterian in September is just one of the ways Murphy has been making over the church, much of it informed by the Fuller-produced book "Growing Young."

The book's main message is that the church needs to focus on empowering young people, so Murphy has been working on several fronts to do so. That includes launching a children's ministry, which is being led by Karen Murphy, and eventually growing a youth ministry from its foundations.

He has also updated First Presbyterian's worship style, blending some of its more traditional aspects with modern music and worship practices to create a more informal and relaxed environment that is welcoming to young families.

"My wife and I both do more modern worship music," Chris Murphy said. "She plays piano, I play guitar and little Chiara dances, so it's kind of fun. She's part of the Chehalem Dance Academy, too, but she just loves to go up front and dance during our worship songs." He has also crafted a new mission statement for the church and is working on a motto for the congregation to follow: BeLoved. The motto is meant to convey both the meaning of the phrase as one word, as in Martin Luther King Jr.'s idea for the "beloved community," and two, in that everyone who comes can expect to be loved.

"One of the things that I'm passionate about with our church is that we can be a place that welcomes everyone and is inclusive of all people," Murphy said.

With fall and a new "church year" just around the corner, Chris Murphy has a lot on his plate, but based on how his first six months have gone, he said he's hopeful about First Presbyterian's future, both in the short and long term.

"I think we've had a good response. People have been very gracious and kind to me," he said. "Now that I've come as a more permanent long-term pastor again, people are grateful to have someone and I think they are resonating with my heart and the direction that we want to take the church."

## **New news:**

See something different in our committee title? We have changed our name to fit more closely with the Presbyterian Church (USA) denomination mission nomenclature: Peace and Global Witness. The committee has been exploring the emphasis we want to pursue for 2019, so stay tuned for new things in this news section of Pew News and on the church website.

## **Featured Partners**

The month July has been a unique time for our congregation in that we will have had Telile (Light of Hope) and Brian and Julie O'Herin (SIL -Wycliffe) as guest speakers on consecutive Sundays. We support both Light of Hope and SLI on a monthly basis and have heard firsthand how our contributions support their ministries. Salient features of each of these ministries include:

**Light of Hope** is under the umbrella of Frontier Fellowship and has as a major focus, ministry to the Arissi Oromo people both in Ethiopia and the U.S. Telile and Urgessa, her husband are a team ministering to Arissi Oromo communities in the U.S. and facilitating the building and staffing of schools in Ethiopia. They are also in the process of constructing a post high school educational facility to serve those that graduate from their schools. Telile is also an accomplished musician having produced DVDs with a back-up choir based in Shashamene, Ethiopia.

**SIL - Wycliffe** emphasizes Biblical translations and Brian's role in the past has been as an International Linguistics Coordinator. According to their website: "SIL is founded on the principle that communities should be able to pursue their social, cultural, political, economic and spiritual goals without sacrificing their ethnolinguistic identity. As a faith-based nonprofit organization, SIL works alongside language communities as they discover how to harness the power of their language to address challenges and reach their goals." Julie is active in their home church and supports Brian in his endeavors.

## SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSE THRU JULY 2018

Greetings! Below is a snapshot of year to date income and expense in broad groupings. Through the end of July, we have completed 58% of the year. As you can see, we are on track with our budget, with both income and expense still tracking slightly higher than expected. We have been using designated and named funds to fuel the special projects throughout the church, but we need a sustained income or we will use up all the reserves of designated and named funds by the end of 2018.

As we move closer to the end of the year, the Finance Committee, along with the Session, begins to turn to thoughts of the 2019 budget. In the near future that planning will begin, but the plan depends on a united effort by all contributors to finish 2018 ahead of the income goals, and below the expense expectations.

Please consider your contribution history and be in prayer for the continued financial success of this church. Together we can finish strong.

Thank You,

The Finance Committee

GENERAL FUND INCOME		YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
	Pledges	\$74,166	\$115,000	64%
	Non-Pledge	\$8,780	\$18,000	49%
	Plate Offering	\$1,341	\$1,000	134%
	Misc. Income	\$18	\$260	7%
	<b>Total GF Income</b>	<b>\$84,305</b>	<b>\$134,000</b>	<b>63%</b>
GENERAL FUND EXPENSE				
	Administration	\$10,364	\$13,216	78%
	Christian Ed.	\$0	\$700	0%
	Evangelism & Mission	\$9,870	\$17,628	56%
	Facilities & Grounds	\$22,847	\$24,397	94%
	Personnel/Salaries	\$75,133	\$142,614	53%
	Stewardship & Bdgt.	\$3,287	\$3,502	94%
	Worship & Music	\$984	\$2,275	43%
	<b>Total GF Expense</b>	<b>\$122,485</b>	<b>\$204,322</b>	<b>60%</b>
DESIGNATED INCOME				
	Designated or Named can only be used for limited scope	\$35,430	\$31,100	114%
DESIGNATED EXPENSE				
	Designated or Named can only be used for limited scope	\$26,191	\$0	N/A
<b>TOTAL INCOME-EXPENSE</b>		<b>-\$28,941</b>	<b>-\$39,222</b>	<b>73%</b>

- 1- Megan Stater
- 7- Chris McCourt
- 9- Dollie King
- 10- Chiara Murphy
- 13- Delight Carmichael
- 22- John Picard
- 26- Janet Range
- 28- Kim Godshalk
- 28- Maddy McCourt



### **FPC Ladies Group- Forever Friends**

On Wednesday, three of us...Roberta, Darlene and I, had breakfast at Finnigan's for our monthly gathering. We discussed how the name Forever Friends was somewhat unclear and we need a new location. Here is where we need assistance! We would like some input on new location for the FPC Women's Breakfast. Because of the busy summer, we're suspending breakfast together until later this fall. Please think about a location for FPC Women's monthly breakfast and we look forward to meeting again this fall.

With His Blessings! Dorothy

### **Rummage Sale**

**This Years Sale made**

**\$ 2,239**





# Newberg FISH Emergency Service

*Friends in Service to Humanity – Newberg's Food Pantry*

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## New Volunteers

Thank you to our new volunteers who are joining us this year. As a 100% volunteer organization, we couldn't operate without our volunteers. This month Newberg FISH welcomes:

- Darrell Hiltz

## Donor Spotlight

### Nap's Thriftway



Newberg FISH receives food from many different sources throughout the year. Last year 20% of the food we distributed was purchased from local grocery stores. This month we would like to recognize Nap's Thriftway for their continual support of our food pantry. Nap's helps us in many ways from donating food and discounting the food we purchase from them, like milk and eggs, to offering a penny on the dollar for any Nap's receipts we collect and turn back into the store. They also donate bags for us to use during the holidays. We appreciate their willingness to partner with FISH and their care of the community. Thank you!!

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

**June 18 – August 24, 2018** – Kids Summer Meal Program (see article above)

**July 4<sup>th</sup>** – No Summer Meals served today

## Stopping Summer Hunger

Reprinted from [Newberg Public Schools website](#)

The 2018 Summer Meal Program\* will run from June 18- August 24, 2018. Meals are available Monday through Friday. **There will not be meals served at any location on July 4<sup>th</sup>.**

**Edwards Elementary, located at 714 E. 6th Street:**

- Breakfast will be served from 8:00am to 8:30am
- Lunch from 11:00am to 12:00pm

**Sack lunches will be available at:**

- Pool Park, 1802 Haworth Avenue, from 11:00am-11:30am
- Deskin Commons, 1103 N. Meridian Street, from 11:00am - 11:30am
- Newberg Public Library, 503 E. Hancock Street, from 11:45am - 12:15pm
- Ewing Young Historical/Skate Park, 1201 S. Blaine Street, from 12:30pm - 12:45pm.

Meals must be eaten at serving site and are available at no charge to all children ages 1 to 18. No application is necessary. Adults may purchase breakfast for \$1.00 and lunch for \$1.00.

**\*Please note:** The Summer Meal Program is an extension of the National School Lunch Program. The program is funded by the USDA and administered by the State of Oregon and Newberg Public Schools. Any questions should be directed to Newberg Public School District at (503) 554-5000 from 8am-5pm Monday through Friday.

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8/9– Deacons Meeting at 2:00  
8/14– Session Meeting at 7:00  
8/23– Finance & Facilities Meeting at 5:30  
8/23– Mission & Global Witness 1:00



Pastor Chris Murphy may be reached at his new email: [murphycb@frontier.com](mailto:murphycb@frontier.com) or by calling the church office at 503-538-3313

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