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# PEW NEWS

Newberg, OR



## *Our Response to Immigrant Asylum Seekers*

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**FROM THE REV. CHRIS MURPHY**

I hope all of you are having a good beginning to your summer. Recently, I preached a sermon entitled, "Seeing Clearly", in which I explored the importance of having our eyes opened to the injustice of the treatment of immigrant families coming to the United States seeking asylum. Social activists remind us that there are always injustices to fight and the harmful treatment of immigrants is nothing new in this country. This is accurate, but I also feel this is a unique time in our nation's history in which the Church must come together with people of all faiths and those who do not identify with a particular faith and stand up to our national leaders who are advocating for a zero-tolerance policy towards immigrant families.

Despite what our current president and attorney general suggest, asylum seekers are not criminals and it is inhumane to lock up people in cages while a process happens to consider whether they can legally stay in our country. Christians must stand with the oppressed and stand against our current president's immigration policies. This is not an issue of which party you belong to, it is an issue of what is moral and just and we need to see clearly in this critical time in our nation.

In this Pew News, you will see photos of some recent prayer vigils being held outside of the Federal Correctional Institution in Sheridan, Oregon. I have joined a group of clergy from many faiths to demand that the 123 asylum seekers in this facility receive proper spiritual care and legal representation. You will see in this issue also a letter that was sent to some of our local political leaders requesting action. I am happy to share that 25 individuals from our congregation signed this letter.

Friends, if we still need clarity on what to believe is proper action even after hearing about the unlawful separation of 2300 children from their families, may I remind us that Jesus was a refugee and an immigrant and would have been killed as a child if he was refused access into Egypt when Herod was seeking his life. If the Savior of the world can relate to these families and if many of us have ancestors who fled to this country because of persecution, then now is the time to stand together to support the asylum seekers coming to our country.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Chris

Dear Oregon Representatives Ron Wyden, Jeff Merkley, and Earl Blumenauer,

The members of the congregation at First Presbyterian Church of Newberg, Oregon wish to add our voices in protest of the treatment of the 123 men who are being detained at the Federal Correctional Institution in Sheridan, Oregon. We understand that these men have not received proper legal representation or spiritual care from clergy. We also understand that many of these men are seeking asylum due to dangerous conditions in their home countries. Seeking asylum is not a criminal action and therefore it is unlawful for them to be detained in this way.

Although President Donald Trump has provided an executive order to keep families together, we believe it is unlawful to detain whole families together in inhumane conditions and for long periods of time. Again, many of the immigrants who are entering the United States are seeking asylum and therefore are not criminals and should not be treated inhumanely.

We ask for an end to the zero-tolerance policy of President Donald Trump's administration and that the more than 2300 children who have been separated from their families be reunited with them. We ask that those seeking asylum in this country receive fair treatment and not be placed in detention centers.

This inhumane treatment of individuals and families must stop. As a Christian congregation, we follow the Biblical mandate to welcome the stranger and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Please act now to stop this human rights violation!

Grace and Peace,  
Rev. Chris Murphy and the Congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Newberg, Oregon





## *Mission & Global Witness Updates*

**Telile (Light of Hope)** - Telile reports this from her Bible study: What's more exciting than to see a Muslim background believer who's been following Christ secretly for over two years finally gain the confidence to tell her family she believes in Jesus?

That's my friend's story. She was born and raised in a Muslim family. When she joined our Bible study group in Portland, Oregon, two years ago, she told us she was following Jesus and wanted to learn more from scripture about Him. However, she kept her faith secret. She finally told her family that she's a believer in Christ. When family members question her faith, Nuriya responds, "I'm still learning about my new faith and may not be able to answer every difficult question you ask me about Jesus. But Jesus is real. Following Him is working for me. You too need to know Him."

**Brian and Julie O'Herin (SIL - Wycliffe)** -Brian reports that on his recent European trip; " The entire translation team met, and the books Ruth and Jonah were checked and approved for publication by the translation consultants. Not only was this task completed, but we all learned a lot about the process, and we built and strengthened relationships within the translation team."

**Dennis Smith (South America)** -Dennis reflects on an ecumenical workshop : Reformed faith in Chile, is a tradition that goes back to the 1860s. For this group, fruits of the Gospel in Chile have included the Presbyterian emphasis on education and on reaching decisions through a participative and democratic process. They told of frequent fundraisers — how many empanadas and cakes must one sell to build a classroom? They showed the visitors how they were expanding their worship space and building a Sunday School wing, cement block by cement block, with their own hands.

**The Yorks (Cru - Athletes in Action )** Eric reports: During our staff conference we had a chance to give input to our Core Training working group. CT is the two year curriculum and practical skills for new staff and interns. We're excited to be using training unified with the Cru campus ministry across all of our divisions.

**John & Gwenda Fletcher (IMCK - Congo)** - Little known fact: Gwenda, an education consultant, assists the Presbyterian Community of Congo (CPC) Education Department in its efforts to enhance the quality of education in the church's 702 elementary and secondary schools and in building connections between the Congo Mission Network and CPC's educational work. The Fletchers and their Congolese colleagues work to help the people of Congo experience the abundant life Jesus promises.

**SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSE THRU JUNE 2018**

The report shows that we are on track with our budget, with both income and expense 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.

GENERAL FUND INCOME		YEAR TO DATE	ANNUAL BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
	Pledges	\$68,600	\$115,000	60%
	Non-Pledge	\$8,035	\$18,000	45%
	Plate Offering	\$1,275	\$1,000	127%
	Misc. Income	\$18	\$260	7%
	Total GF Income	\$77,910	\$134,000	58%
<b>GENERAL FUND EXPENSE</b>				
	Administration	\$9,839	\$13,216	74%
	Christian Ed.	\$0	\$700	0%
	Evangelism & Mission	\$8,482	\$17,628	48%
	Facilities & Grounds	\$20,781	\$24,397	85%
	Personnel/Salaries	\$66,752	\$142,614	47%
	Stewardship & Bdgt.	\$2,982	\$3,502	85%
	Worship & Music	\$983	\$2,275	43%
	Total GF Expense	\$109,819	\$204,322	54%
<b>DESIGNATED INCOME</b>				
	Designated or Named can only be used for limited scope	\$33,795	\$31,100	109%
<b>DESIGNATED EXPENSE</b>				
	Designated or Named can only be used for limited scope	\$25,521	\$0	N/A
<b>TOTAL INCOME-EXPENSE</b>		<b>-\$23,635</b>	<b>-\$39,222</b>	<b>60%</b>



Summer is officially here! And with it comes yet another beautiful start to the season here in Newberg, Oregon. Over the final weekend of June we were able to kickstart the season with a beautiful celebration of John and Lois Picard's 70th wedding anniversary. For any unable to attend, the ambiance of the party was a perfect resemblance of the life-long lessons these two can teach us about; love, dedication, and community.

The Picard's love for each other, God, and the Church has helped this church flourish over the six decades they've spent as members. Throughout these years, the fruits of their labor are still evident. Whether it be the pews John helped put into the building we continue to worship in today, or the communion cups Lois helped with in the past, or the simple consistent attendance to this place of worship, the Picard's labors of love have benefitted this church from their start.

Their dedication to this church and its community is apparent, and the celebration of their anniversary mirrored how these values are upheld in First Presbyterian. Many members of the church made an appearance to show their appreciation and support for the beautiful couple, thus demonstrating the amazing impact they have had on this community. While their commitment to God and each other throughout their 70 years of marriage developed enough lessons to write a book on, the beauty of their love and commitment to the community serves as a great lesson to us all. Happy anniversary to John & Lois Picard and may God continue to bless you both as we learn to love with the same magnitude.

Written by,

Andrew Davis  
(Pastoral Outreach Intern)







In Loving Memory  
Florence Marie Jensen  
April 6, 1923 – May 23, 2018



**AFTERGLOW**

*I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one.  
I'd like to leave an afterglow of smiles when life is done.  
I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways,  
Of happy times and laughing times  
And bright and sunny days.  
I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun;  
Of happy memories that I leave when life is done.*

Helen Lowrie Marshall





COMMUNITY  
DROP-IN  
CENTER

Monday- Friday 9am- 1pm

504 E 1<sup>st</sup> St, Newberg, OR 97132

Just a few businesses down from Critter Cabana,  
and across from the Golden Leaf Thai Cuisine on  
1st Street in downtown Newberg

- ◆ A comfortable place in out of the weather
- ◆ Coffee, breakfast and lunch items
- ◆ Hats, umbrellas, gloves, scarves and socks
- ◆ Personal care & hygiene items
- ◆ Information & referrals to local resources
- ◆ Free use of laptop computer, Wi-Fi, telephone

**Resource Providers:**

Provoking Hope

YCAP

Love INC

FISH

Project Access (OHSP)

Newberg Thrift  
Shop

Phone: 503.538.9761

Email: drop-in@2ndstreet.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/>

# Newberg Grad Night Fireworks Stand



**Open at Nap's  
9 a.m. - 10 p.m.  
June 30 - July 4**

After a one year hiatus,  
NHS Grad Night is  
back selling Fireworks  
at Nap's. Come see us  
and support local!



## Styrofoam and Clamshell Plastic Recycling Event

(For example, the clamshell plastic that apples come in at Costco)

Saturday July 14, 2018

Providence Newberg Hospital  
9:00-12:00 in East Parking lot

We will be happy to recycle household  
Styrofoam (sorry, no industrial  
donations) and **CLEAN** clamshell plastic.  
Dirty plastic cannot be accepted.

### **BICYCLE GAP MINISTRY**

As you know, FPC, with Session's blessing, last year joined almost 20 other churches in Newberg in supporting Love INC with their Mission of helping people help themselves.

Our part of that Mission is the Bicycle GAP Ministry. You will be pleased to know that from January through June this year, we have distributed 49 bicycles!

It has been a pleasure serving Love INC's clients, and we look forward to continuing to serve.

Our thanks to the men at Retired Recyclers for their faithful repair of so many bicycles, and their delivering them to us as needed!  
The Mission and Global Witness Committee

### **LOVE INC**

**Thanks to you, our congregation, we have a budget of \$1,000 to purchase groceries for Love INC this year. The items are distributed through 2nd Street Church - a store front on 1st Street! (Love INC lost its downtown location last year, so 2nd Street Church has picked up that need.)**

**We call them monthly, discover what they most need, and shop to find the best value. We deliver the items to their location. You may be interested to know they most often need packets of crackers and cheese/peanut butter, mac and cheese in a cup, boxed juice, soup in the winter, packets of instant oatmeal, packets of hot coco mix, and cereal in bulk for use in at their site. Of course, there are other food need throughout the year. This is all accomplished because of the congregation of FPC. You should know they are most grateful for your help!!**

## Recognition & Special Thanks

Anna Virginia Millage	High School Graduate
Thomas Millage	High School Graduate
Almond Gordon	Receiving Bible
Cate Murphy	Receiving Bible

### Adult Education Class Educators:

Rev. Duane Brudevold	Dennis Smith
Gary Fawver	Sylvia Stater
Keith Harcourt	Dr. Tim Tsohantaridis
Rev. Dr. Bruce Murphy	Dr. Margaret Wallace
Rev. Chris Murphy	Chuck Zickefoose
Dr. Melissa Ramos	

### Kidz Church

Special Thanks for all your work with our children.

Dr. Karen Murphy  
Miriam Staples



### Choir News

As our choir begins it's summer break, I would like to thank our choir members for the many hours that they have dedicated this past year to singing in the choir. Your musical talents and service to the music ministry of our church are greatly appreciated.

It was wonderful to welcome these new members to the choir this year: Paula Buck, Sasha Goodman, Craig McCourt, Di Murphy, Bruce Murphy and Jack Reamy. We are so glad you joined us!

Two longtime choir members have "retired" from choir this year. Dollie King and Hawk Au have served in choir since the early 70's! (How many Wednesday evenings and Sundays mornings would that be)? Dollie, you are stilled missed in the alto section and we will be missing Hawk singing with the tenors. The choir and I are so grateful to you both for so many years of faithful service and friendship.

Our "welcome to the choir" sign is always out so if you would to sing with us just let me know. No audition or music reading ability required, just a love of singing needed.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

No Meetings in July

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

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