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# PEW NEWS

Newberg, Or



Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18)

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## FROM THE REV. CHRIS MURPHY

May is here and we are enjoying the beauty of God's creation in Oregon. I love the flowers that bloom during this time of year and remind us of new life and the joy that God wishes to offer us. Our youngest daughter Chiara has a habit of stopping to smell and collect the flowers. She plays naturally and reminds me to slow down and enjoy life.

Prayer is also an invitation to embrace the beauty of life and to slow down in order to grow our relationship with God. I am entering my fourth month with First Presbyterian and I am daily enriched by our community. All of you bring so much experience, love, and devotion to our church family. As we invite God to guide our future as a church, I am aware that it is incredibly important to commit ourselves to prayer. We want to have rich soil, so that God can grow something beautiful through our church that blesses Newberg, our nation, and the world.

Prayer is a focus of every Sunday worship service, but beginning on May 6th, we will start a prayer group that meets after church on the first Sunday of every month. We will meet from 12 to 1 PM in the Adult Education room. The format of our time together will be simple. We will begin with introductions, followed by a teaching on some aspect of prayer. We will then listen to different prayer requests and take time to pray for one another and for different needs in Newberg and in our world. We want this to be an open group, so new people will always be invited to come. You may choose to participate occasionally or monthly.

I understand that for some of us, praying in groups is a little intimidating. Please know that this is a group that is open for beginners and for people who are used to being more private in prayer. We will introduce different types of prayer, some that invite speaking out loud, but also prayers in silence. We will sometimes pray as a group and at other times invite people to spend time alone in prayer. We will make this fun, interesting, and safe for newcomers to prayer. I should also mention that we will provide opportunities for different people to do teaching on prayer. On May 6th, I will talk about prayer as conversation with God. On other months we will learn about other forms of prayer, like breath prayer, prayers of intercession, prayers of blessing or thanksgiving. If you would like to do any teaching, just let me know.

I truly believe God has a special plan for our church in this season. As we devote ourselves to prayer, we will be enriched by God's love and open for new growth. God is preparing our soil. The rain and sun of God's grace will allow us to grow deep roots and beautiful new life will come in time. Please join us in this movement of prayer!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Chris

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## FPC UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Photo Directory is Coming!**

Remember photos are being taken on May 11th and May 12th for our photo directory. There is still time to sign up for a ten-minute spot. Please contact our office manager, Susan King to sign up this week. Everyone is encouraged to be part of the photo directory, whether you are a newcomer to our church, regular attendee, or long time member. If you are unable to get a new photo taken, please send an updated photo to Susan by May 12th and provide us your updated address and contact information. Thank you!

### **Mother's Day is May 13th**

In celebration of Mother's Day all women will receive a rose on this Sunday. Please join us!

### **Adult Education Offerings**

May 6th- Bruce Murphy will finish his three part class on Christ and Culture.  
May 13th- Pastor Chris Murphy will teach on the Spiritual Formation of Young Adults

Adult education will Resume in the Fall- September 9th

### **Exploring New Membership Class**

On Sunday, May 20th, we are excited to offer a special class from 12 to 1:30 for anyone interested in exploring being a member of First Presbyterian Church. This course will cover topics like: the benefits of membership, the history and ministry opportunities of First Presbyterian, and the theology and mission of the Presbyterian Church USA. After taking this class, you are eligible to meet with the session and become a member of our church.

### **Welcome Miriam Staples!**

We are excited to welcome Miriam Staples as our new Chldcare provider for infants and toddlers. Miriam has extensive experience in Childrens' Ministry and pre-school education. She is excited to join our church family and to care for our children.

### **Rummage Sale**

July 19,20,21 10 am to 6 pm

We are still collecting items in Church Office and we could also use bags and volunteers to work. Please call Susan or Sharon Riha and let us know what you are available to help with.

### **A Mother's Prayer For You**

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you  
to thank the Lord above  
for blessing me with a lifetime  
of your tenderhearted love.  
I thanked God for the caring  
you've shown me through the years,  
for the closeness we've enjoyed  
in time of laughter and of tears.  
And so, I thank you from the heart  
for all you've done for me  
and I bless the Lord for giving me  
the best mother there could be!

### **Thank You Mom For Everything**

How did you find the energy, Mom  
To do all the things you did,  
To be teacher, nurse and counselor  
To me, when I was a kid.  
How did you do it all, Mom,  
Be a chauffeur, cook and friend,  
Yet find time to be a playmate,  
I just can't comprehend.  
I see now it was love, Mom  
That made you come whenever I'd call,  
Your inexhaustible love, Mom  
And I thank you for it all.

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**Birthdays**

**3– Tim Weaver**

**6– Loraine Sarnacki**

**7– Keith Harcourt**

**8– Laura Francis Dickerson**

**14– Liz Zion**

**19– Jennie Delano**

**22– William Goodman**

**22– Nigel Swehla**

**28– Diane Murphy**

**Anniversaries**

## ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We once again thank our generous congregation for your offering to the OGHS at Eastertime.

We were able to send \$1,501 to our Presbyterian Church  
(USA) - "headquarters" - for the work of the church, serving  
people in need at home and abroad!

Specifically, 36% is received by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, while  
Self-Development of People and the Presbyterian Hunger Program each  
receive 32%!

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH !!

The Mission and Evangelism Committee



Deacon Fundraiser  
April 22nd – May 6th

A Family Place helps reduce childhood abuse, neglect and foster  
placements in Yamhill County.

We support at-risk families by offering free professional home  
visiting, parent education and specialized preschool for children  
ages 0 to 5 – the time research shows these programs  
to have the greatest long term impact on  
children's development.

A Family Place combines community support and proven methods to  
invest in the future of Yamhill County's children.

They are in current need of :

Diapers size 5-6 and pull ups  
and Baby Wipes

**28<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL**

**PANCAKE**

*Breakfast*

*Newberg Fire Station*

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**MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> 2018**

*benefits* **TOY AND JOY PROGRAM**  
*from* **6:30 AM - 1 PM**  
*call* **503.259.1500**

**SENIORS: \$5**

**ADULTS: \$7**

**KIDS (6-12): \$3**

**5 & UNDER: FREE**



*All you  
can Eat!*

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

5/2– Personnel Meeting at 10:00 am

5/8– Session Meeting at 7:00

5/9– Deacons Meeting at 1:00

5/24– Finance & Facilities Meeting at 5:30

5/24– Evangelism & Mission at 1:00

Christian Education meets on a different day at the home of  
Sylvia Stater.

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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