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# PEW NEWS

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Good will come to those who are generous, who  
conduct their affairs with justice.

Psalm 112:5

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**FROM THE REV. CHRIS MURPHY**

We are a church of Grace, Hope, and Love in Newberg. This is the new way we are describing ourselves as a Christian community in our town. It is an exciting season of ministry and I am humbled to be partnering with you.

To help kickoff our fall season with this new direction, I preached a sermon series on Grace, Hope, and Love in September with the help of three of our young adults, Ilsa Teppo, Jack Reamy, and Nissi Undurthi. They all did a fabulous job speaking from their hearts on our theme and sharing personal stories. Incidentally, these three along with Andrew Davis and my wife Karen and I have also been blessed to help start our new College and Young Adult Community (CAYAC). We had a great kickoff on Sept. 17th and our group is about a dozen strong as we begin this school year. Hooray!!!

As we enter October, I am beginning a new sermon series on the mission of the present and future Church. We will be exploring how the Church universal is called to be Jesus Centered, Deeply Spiritual, True Community, and to have a heart for justice. These sermons will correspond with our stewardship season theme on Living Generously.

The sermons in both September and October are helping us explore what it means for Newberg First Presbyterian to be a church that will honor Jesus and that will effectively live out the good news of Jesus in Newberg and in our broader world. My hope is that those of you who have been a part of the church for many years and those of you who are relatively new will be inspired to take even greater ownership in what God is doing through our church in this time in our history.

What excites me about Newberg Presbyterian is that we have the opportunity to become something unique among churches. We desire to be a place that draws from the best of Christianity. As we embody the grace, hope, and love of God, we will demonstrate to the world that Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. We will show the world that Christianity is not judgmental but loving and inclusive of all people. We will embody the character and compassion of Christ when people are struggling to believe whether the Church is safe and gracious.

I trust you are feeling the excitement of the season. We are part of the Jesus Movement that is sweeping our world. We are called to Live Generously and “to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with our God.” (Micah 6:8) In the coming weeks, we will invite you to offer you gifts and resources for the mission of Christ’s church in the world. Generosity Sunday will be Nov. 4th, when we make our tithing commitments for the coming year. It will be a day of celebration and hope! Thank you for joining me on this journey as we grow young as a church and grow our mission to Newberg and beyond.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Chris

**News from our Mission Partners:**

**IMCK** (Christian Medical Institute of the Kasai) As we noted last month, the Fletchers have retired from IMCK and Friends of IMCK ( FIMCK) is asking help through the PCUSA to still have another missionary surgeon, who can take over the work of Dr. Fletcher. IMCK without a surgeon will be comparable to other medical institutions of the place. Other staff members carry on the work among them are Larry and Inge Sthreshley live in Kinshasa. Larry works with churches & organizations to build health ministry in Congo (DRC.) His work with Inter-church Medical Assistance (IMA) helps partners run health programs. Inge works with IMA & the Presbyterian Church of Kinshasa in programs to alleviate hunger & malnutrition. She also helps with a mission guest house.

**O'Herins** Brian notes " There are a number of projects I'd like to finish up before I step down from my International leadership role. Pray for those to all work out. It feels like I'm in the final stretch, checking off individual things as I do them for the last time." He is also trying to finish up a book chapter.

**The Smiths** Dennis tells about a visit to farmers living in the Chaco [covers more than a million square kilometers of Bolivia, Argentina, and Paraguay] where his ministry serves people who have been challenged by large commercial farms. For almost 20 years, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has been present in the Chaco through Church World Service (CWS), our ecumenical partner.

**Taliilee Fiqruu-** In a recent meeting with Taliilee she said that there are two US churches considering providing funding for two more schools for the Light of Hope ministry in Ethiopia. She also reported that the new prime minister is much more open to allowing their work to proceed. Political problems have prevented them for building new schools for the last two years.

**CRU/AIA** Eric & Maureen York continue their work with ministry on college campuses and Eric particularly with Athletes in Action. Maureen says: "As part of my responsibilities in Theological Development, I (M) am part of the team developing discipleship materials to address sexual wholeness from the ground up."

## PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

"God Spreads a Table of Peace Before Us"

October 7

On Sunday, October 7, we will be Celebrating World Communion Sunday, and upon that occasion we will be receiving a Special Offering, designated by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as the *Peace and Global Witness Offering*. We are invited to retain 25% for Peacemaking close to home. Once again, Henderson House will be our recipient. The remainder of your gifts are sent on for *Peace and Global Witness* Programs of our Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly.

We, who enjoy so much peace in our lives compared with much of the rest of the world, have the opportunity, with this offering, to share some of our good fortune to help calm troubled peoples around the world. You may use the designated envelopes for this Offering found in the pews as the first Sunday of October approaches.

Thank You! The Mission Committee

## Choir News

Hooray! Our choir has returned to the choir loft to begin another year of music ministry. In addition to welcoming choir members back, we are happy to have two more singers join our group. A warm welcome to Darla Bowman who is singing in the alto section and to Pietro Parrilla joining the tenor section.

While the choir was on vacation the following musicians kept special music coming all summer long: Bob Andrews, Telile Badecha-Fikru, Vivien Xinyi Hou, Margie LeMaster, Thomas Millage, Karen and Chris Murphy, Loraine Sarnacki, Sylvia Stater, Nissi Undurthi, Pam and Tim Weaver and Marilyn Winters. Many thanks to each of you for sharing your musical talents. We enjoyed listening to the wonderful variety of music presented this summer.

Each September we celebrate the beginning of the choir year with a potluck dinner. We had a lot of fun sharing good food and visiting with one another after the summer break. The choir and I send our thanks to the Worship Committee and Dorothy Au for all their help with our dinner. It was a great way to start the choir year!

Pat Goodman  
Music Director



Deacons' Annual  
FALL DINNER AUCTION

It's just around the corner!

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Saturday, October 20, 2018

Dinner at 6:00

Auction at 7:00

**Suggestions for donations.....**

Arts & Crafts, Breakfast, lunch or dinner in or out, Tickets for events, Baskets,  
Hire for small jobs, day or days at special locations, Babysitting, Tutoring, Photography,  
Cooking, Gift Certificate.

Thank you to all who participated in our highly successful First Responder Pie Social held on September 8th. With over 60 in attendance, all agreed this was our most well-attended social, held to honor our community first responders. Firefighters from Newberg, Dundee and police officers from the Newberg Dundee Police Department attended, along with some family members. Last year's record of 9 pieces of pie eaten by one firefighter still stands as he "only" managed eight pieces this year! There was almost every type of pie imaginable with ice cream and whipped cream to top. First Pres Newberg has been honoring our first responders since 9/11. One of the first fighters noted, "This is our favorite shift of the year! We look forward to this event!"

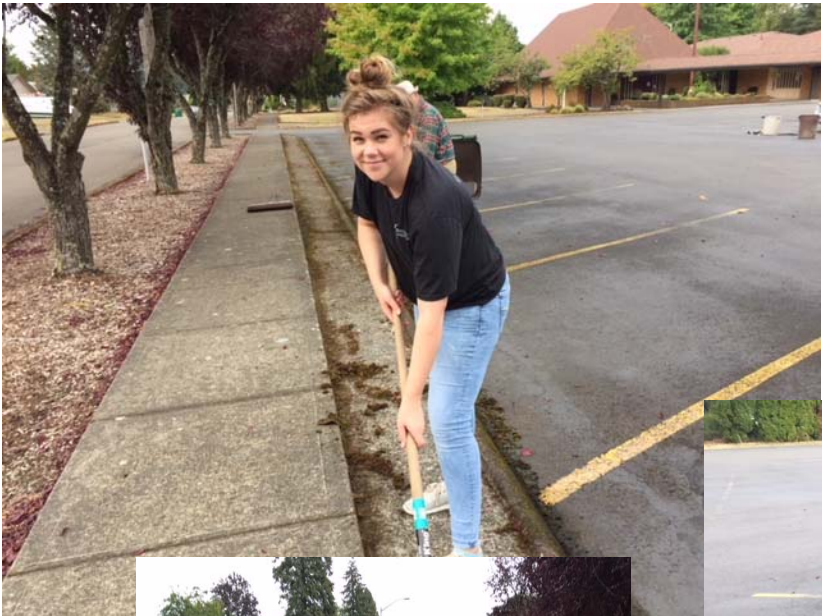


On Wednesday, September 12, the 20th annual George Fox University Serve Day was held. FPC had over 20 students and staff assisting church staff and volunteers with several projects around the church campus. In all, over 160 hours of volunteer labor helped clean up two full pickup loads of debris from the back and front parking lots, washed all windows in the three buildings, and painted the women's restroom in the Fellowship Hall.

FPC staff and volunteers included Susan King, Elise Prayzich, Chuck Zickefoose, Chris Murphy and Tim Weaver. By the end of the day, acquaintances had been renewed, new friendships had been made, and great conversations were heard all across the church campus. Plus, a lot of good work had been put in and projects completed all around the campus.

Several projects were started and several completed, including:

|  | Hours           |
|--|-----------------|
| 1. Painting the Fellowship Hall women's restroom   |                 |
| 4 workers x 5 hours  | 20              |
| Additional worker (Abby), 3 hours  | 3               |
| Additional workers, Pam and Tim Weaver   | 8               |
| Some trim and cleanup remain, likely 4-5 hours   |                 |
| 2. Window washing and cleaning, all buildings:   |                 |
| 6 workers x 3 hours  | 18              |
| 3. Cleaning and reorganizing the library   |                 |
| 6 workers x 2-hours  | 12              |
| 4. Parking lot drain vaults cleaned:   |                 |
| 4 workers x 3  | 12              |
| 5. Parking lot cleanup, scraping and landscaping:  | 5 workers x 315 |
| 6. Continued project work the back lot vacated by Veritas in 2017:   |                 |
| 12- students and GFU faculty/staff workers x 6 hours:  | 72              |
| Completed was considerable work on the west side of the FPC property, removing over two loads of vegetation, scrap lumber, rock, old concrete sections used by Veritas for landscaping and outdoor projects. Also removed were leftover blocks and related items used for siting the recently removed storage container. |                 |
| 7. By the Numbers:   |                 |
| Total hours volunteered by GFU students/staff/faculty:   | 160             |






# Harriet's 100th Birthday

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**MAYOR OF NEWBERG PROCLAMATION!**  
BY CHUCK ZICKEFOOSE FOR THE MAYOR, BOB ANDREWS



HARRIET WAS BORN IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS ON SEPTEMBER 25, 1918, TO PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONARY PARENTS. SHE SPENT THE FIRST 16 YEARS IN THE PHILIPPINES. HER PARENTS SENT HER AND HER SIBLINGS TO THE U.S. TO FINISH HIGH SCHOOL AND EVENTUALLY ATTEND COLLEGE. HARRIET'S PARENTS WERE NOT AS FORTUNATE AFTER THE JAPANESE INVASION AND EVENTUALLY SPENT THREE YEARS IN A CONCENTRATION CAMP IN MANILA.

UPON RELEASE FROM THE CONCENTRATION CAMP, HARRIET'S PARENTS MOVED TO THE HILLSBORO AREA. HER FATHER BECAME THE PASTOR OF THE HISTORIC OLD SCOTCH CHURCH ALSO KNOWN AS THE TUALATIN PLAINS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. BOTH HARRIET AND HER SISTER, BLANCHE, MADE FRIENDSVIEW RETIREMENT COMMUNITY THEIR HOME. HARRIET REPORTS THAT HER MOTHER LIVED TO AGE 96. HER SISTER BLANCHE PASSED AT AGE 99, A FEW MONTHS SHORT OF HER 100TH BIRTHDAY. HARRIET'S GOAL IS NOW TO MAKE IT TO AT LEAST 100.

HARRIET IS AN ECLECTIC LEARNER INTERESTED IN A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS. SHE IS A PARTICULAR STUDENT OF HISTORY, LITERATURE AND POETRY. SHE INHERITED HER ZEST FOR LEARNING FROM HER MOTHER WHO WAS ALSO HER TEACHER IN THE MISSIONARY SCHOOL SHE ATTENDED WITH BOTH "MISH" CHILDREN AND THE LOCAL PHILIPPINE STUDENTS. AND LIKE HER MOTHER, SHE BECAME A KINDERGARTEN TEACHER IN BEAVERTON AFTER RAISING A FAMILY THAT CONSISTED OF THREE GIRLS AND ONE BOY. THREE OF THEM IN TURN PURSUED CAREERS IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION.

DESPITE SEVERE MACULAR DEGENERATION, AN EYE SURGEON HAS HELPED HER SEE BETTER.



# Shred Day

SUPPORT  
NEWBERG  
GRAD NIGHT  
Class of 2019

with



October 20

8am - Noon at



To Shred: \$5  
suggested  
donation per  
bag or box



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- Peace-of-Mind knowing that your personal documents have been destroyed properly & securely.
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- Protect your identity.
- Declutter your home or office.

# NEWBERG KIWANIS COMMUNITY-WIDE METAL & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

**Saturday, October 13th**

**2018 • 10 AM – 2 PM**

**Location: Newberg Dodge Jeep Chrysler  
2809 Portland Road**

## ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

- Computers (laptops and towers)
- Keyboards, mice, DVD / CD drives
- Cell phones and chargers
- Power supplies / circuit boards
- Printers / copiers / fax machines
- Scanners / PDAs / flash drives
- Household electronics
- Wire and cords
- VCR/DVD players, digital cameras, A/V, stereos
- Telephones
- Water heaters, wood stoves
- Batteries – cell phone, laptop and automotive
- Appliances – washers, dryers, refrigerators (all Freon must be removed), air conditioning units, stoves
- Auto parts – motors, starters, alternators, brake parts
- Scrap metal (mowers / BBQs)
- Aluminum, brass and copper

## NOT ACCEPTABLE:

- **NO** garbage
- **NO** yard debris
- **NO** hazardous waste or other toxic materials
- **NO** alkaline batteries
- **NO VEHICLE FLUIDS** (Fuel must be drained from all engines/motors)
- **NO LIGHT BULBS** (florescent or incandescent)
- **NO** LCD monitors / LCD TVs
- **NO** CRT monitors / CRT TV's



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**Newberg Kiwanis**

Money made from this event will benefit the youth and community of Newberg through Kiwanis programs. Cash or other donations are also welcome.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

10/9– Session Meeting at 7:00  
10/11– Deacons Meeting at 2:00  
10/25- Finance & Facilities Meeting at 5:30  
10/25– Mission & Global Witness 1:00  
10/27– Deacon-Session Retreat

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Our new website address is : [newbergfpc.org](http://newbergfpc.org)

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