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# PEW NEWS

Newberg, OR



*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.*

Acts 2:42

## Entering Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Together!

As we enter the month of February as a congregation, I am celebrating my one-year anniversary as your pastor. Anniversaries are good times to reflect and vision for the future. At our recent Annual Meeting, I invited you to share different highlights from this last year. You mentioned many things, including the presence of younger people at our church and the new optimism we feel as a congregation.

I also took some time to share five goals I have for us this year. As a reminder, the five goals are:

1. **Devote ourselves to prayer as we vision for the future.** Our prayer group on the first Sunday of each month will be one key team to help us reach this goal. I also encourage all of us to deepen our intimacy with God through spiritual practices like prayer, bible study, journaling, and service.
2. **Live out our mission as a church of Grace, Hope, and Love in Newberg.** This will include our global and local mission to people on the margins. Grace suggests our church is a place to find refreshment and a non-judgmental environment to receive forgiveness and rest. Hope speaks to our desire to be a positive community that is optimistic about the future and God's work in our lives. Love is a word that expresses our deepest longing in life. We want to feel loved by God and others and to demonstrate God's love to a world in need.
3. **Focus on children, youth, and young adults.** We are called to grow younger by empowering young people and by staying young at heart. This will include new outreach efforts to families in our neighborhood and continued partnership with George Fox University.
4. **Value intergenerational relationships.** As we focus on the young, we also seek to create bridges for people of all generations to support one another. We will continue to especially care for those who are homebound and those who are preparing to enter heaven soon.
5. **Increase our income streams.** This means we need to look for ways to rent our facilities and to explore how best to use our back lot to enhance our mission and strengthen our financial support. We will develop a plan for fundraising efforts to support our sustainability as a community for years to come.

Thank you for a wonderful first year as your pastor! As we follow the leading of the Holy Spirit and stay committed to our mission to be a church of Grace, Hope, and Love in Newberg, God will guide our steps and surprise us with good things.

Pastor Chris Murphy



## Mission & Global Witness

### Special Pew News

***Tierra Nueva is our new partner for 2019, this is a profile of some of their mission activities:***

**Worshipping Community** We gather on Sundays at 4:30 pm at our building to worship, share prayer, hear the message, share communion, and celebrate unity.

**Family Support Center** Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. We open our building and resources (food, clothing, info on local food banks and organizations). Staff provide prayer and pastoral support.

**Pastoral Advocacy** Staff walks alongside our community, providing pastoral support through spiritual, practical, holistic means. We practice unconditional love and patience, and often speak on behalf of the powerless.

**The People's Seminary** We train ministry workers to bring Good News where they are in God's Kingdom. This theological training addresses the illusory gap between the mainstream church and the marginalized.

**Jail Ministry** Our chaplains bring the Gospel to Skagit Community Justice Center and Munroe Correctional Facility, often finding/following those we know from Pastoral Advocacy and FSC.

**Gospels and Psalms Group** We gather every morning to read Gospels and every evening to read Psalms. Our community uses this regular community to provide support to each other. Pastor Julio anoints all who attend.

Learn more at [www.tierra-nueva.org](http://www.tierra-nueva.org) and [www.bobekblad.com](http://www.bobekblad.com).



Congratulations Bob on a job well done! You made us proud. We wish you well in your future endeavors.

# MLK Jr. Day Celebration January 21, 2019



This month Adult Ed. focuses on the theme of LOVE.

Feb.3: Dr. Melanie Mock, GFU Professor, will talk about her book, “Worthy”. The following is from an online review of the book:

*“Reading it is like sitting down with a trusted friend and being invited into a conversation that runs deep into the night...For those desperate to find meaningful connections to life’s experiences, taking a seat next to Mock as she weaves her narrative will prove valuable and rewarding. As she reveals her thinking about language and faith, love and diversity, the Bible and being a mother, she simultaneously carves out a path toward wholeness, a place where all of us discover that when we are most at home with ourselves that is when we also are most assuredly the ones God created us to be.”*

Feb. 10: Di and Bruce Murphy will explore Christlike love in a multi-religious and multicultural world.

Feb. 17: Sylvia Stater - LOVE in Masterpieces – how different artists depicted some of the greatest love stories in the Bible.

Feb. 24: Sylvia Stater: LOVE in Music – in hymns, anthems and other sacred works.

Thank you for the bikes you gave me and my brother this Christmas we have been able to go places and acuity to be and be safer then we have been  
Thank you very much

Thank you!  
Aiden

-Bicycle Ministry-

We received this nice card from two young kids who were very grateful for the opportunity to get bikes.

Thank you for the bike It has enabled me and my sister to move fast and off foot, we are able to go to the library, school, friends, and more

Thank you

Aiden



## February

### Birthdays

4– Lory Albright

4– Douglas King

9– Don Albright

16– Jim Bonsey

17– Jeanie Monahan

17– Dick Sahagian

19– Carl Patrick

23– Sharon Riha

27– Wilma Loeks

**Save a Stamp**– If you would like to receive the Pew News via email, please contact the office or fill out sign up sheet in the Fellowship Hall.

**Volunteering**—Susan will be going on vacation the first week of April. If you would like to help answer phones please contact the office.

**If I have forgotten you please contact me at:**

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## COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2/12– Session Meeting at 7:00 pm.  
2/21– Deacons Meeting at 2:00 pm.  
2/21– Finance & Facilities Meeting at 6:30 pm.  
2/24– Mission & Global Witness 1:00 pm.

Pastor Chris Murphy may be reached at his email: [murphycb@frontier.com](mailto:murphycb@frontier.com)  
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Our new website address is : [newbergfpc.org](http://newbergfpc.org)

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GRACE. HOPE. LOVE.