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*“Investing in
the Future”*

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FROM THE REV. CHRIS MURPHY– Investing in the Future

September is here and we are ready to start another school year in Newberg. As Fall begins, we also are beginning a special season in **Newberg First Presbyterian Church's** history. On **September 15th**, we will officially launch the ***Investing in the Future Church Capital Campaign***. A few months ago, we had a congregational vote and unanimously supported moving in this direction. We are beginning a **\$230,000 3-year campaign** that will strengthen the work of our church for years to come and will help ensure our future in Newberg.

Our Investing in the Future Capital Campaign will be used to support five areas.

- 1. Pay off the mortgage of the Christian Education Building.**
- 2. Strengthen our facilities with necessary repairs and improvements.**
- 3. Fund creative mission efforts that will lead to effective outreach to younger families and neighborhood engagement.**
- 4. We will tithe approximately 10 percent of our fundraising to support our mission partners and local mission efforts. This will include helping to raise funds for a new school in Ethiopia.**
- 5. We wish to give a special financial gift to support a future retirement fund for our Music Director, Pat Goodman, who continues to bless us with her musical gifts.**

In order to prepare us for this exciting campaign, we are hosting four lunches after church. We are encouraging every regular attender from our congregation to sign up for one of these lunches to learn more about the details of the campaign. These lunches will take place on **Sept. 15th**, **Sept. 29th**, **October 13th**, and **October 27th**. You can sign up in the Fellowship Hall or by calling the church office.

I am excited to also begin a new sermon series in September on the **new mission statement** of our church. Our new mission statement reads, ***"We are a Christ-centered church of Grace, Hope, and Love committed to mission in Newberg and throughout the world."*** To help unpack the depth of this mission, I will be preaching on the different words of our mission statement throughout the month of September.

Friends, Jesus Christ is actively guiding the mission of our church and is preparing us to grow in our experience of Grace, Hope, and Love in new ways. Thank you for joining us in this movement!

Grace and Peace,
Pastor Chris

Investing in the Future Church Capital Campaign

Fundraising Goal: \$230,000

1. \$50,000 – Improving Our Facilities for Church Mission

Air Conditioning in Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall

New Floor in Fellowship Hall

New Doors in Education Building with Windows

New Media Equipment to Enhance Worship Experience

2. \$50,000- Paying Off the Education Building Mortgage

Reduces Church Debt

Reduces General Budget Monthly Expenses

3. \$100,000- Church Outreach Efforts for Growth

Music Director Support for 3 Years- Pat Goodman- \$60,000

Family Ministries Director for 3 Years- \$30,000 (\$10,000 each year)

College Interns and College Ministry Support for 3 Years- \$5,000 (\$1,500 for 3 Interns over 3 Years Plus \$500 for College Ministry Support)

Hospitality Efforts- Advertising and Marketing- \$5,000

4. \$20,000- Tithe of Capital Campaign for Mission Outreach

School in Ethiopia/ Special Gifts for Mission Partners/ Local Mission Efforts in Newberg

5. \$10,000- Future Retirement Fund for Music Director Pat Goodman

Mission Statement:

We are a Christ centered church of Grace, Hope, and Love committed to mission in Newberg and throughout the world.

Core Values:

Warm and Welcoming Church Family

Friendly
Inclusive: Celebrating Ethnic and Cultural Diversity
Loving Towards Everyone

Intergenerational Community

Connecting All Generations in Relationship
Visitation of Elderly and Those with Illness.
Participation of All Ages in Church Activities

Outreach to Children, Youth, Young Adults, and Young Families

Programs for Kids
Partnership with George Fox
Neighborhood Outreaches to Serve More Young People and Families

Mission Outreach Both Locally and Globally to Those on the Margins

Community Service Opportunities
Support of Mission Partners and Mission Trips
Sharing of the Gospel Message and Doing the Work of Justice with Those on the Margins
Support Immigrants, Refugees, and Interfaith Relations

Worship, Prayer, and Spiritual Formation

Blended Worship- Modern and Traditional
Choir, Worship Songs, and Expanded Music and Arts Ministry
Prayer Emphasis, Retreats, and Adult Education/ Spiritual Formation



Taliilee and Urgessa are the principal facilitators of Light of Hope Ministry Ethiopia (LOHME) in Ethiopia. Taliilee is active with Arsi Oromo people in major cities in the US and also supporting Urgessa in building schools in Ethiopia. Their goal is to add two more schools this year to already existing 52, built over the past years.

LOHME is a partner organization with Frontier Fellowship. LOHME is reaching out to over 10 million Arsi Oromo people. The ministry approach is holistic, focusing on literacy, health, church planting, Bible translation and evangelism among this Muslim people group. Teams of teacher-evangelists are trained and sent to villages that want a school in their community. Teachers build peaceful relationships between Muslims and emerging followers of Jesus and seek to plant churches that reflect the forms and traditions of the local culture. LOHME also trains nurses and other health professionals to work in village health stations while sharing the Gospel with the communities they serve. Donated funds help build and furnish village schools and Light of Hope Academy, a Christian training college for nurses.

Taliilee Fiqru

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We welcomed Taliilee to our church in August to share with us about her ministry and her home country of Ethiopia



Taliilee's sermon is available online at fpcnewberg.org



Worship Service
Media Bulletin:
"Stepping Out in Faith"

Ms. Taliilee Fiqru
August 18, 2019
9:30 a.m.

Neighborhood Night Out!
Thursday, September 12 - 6:30 - 8:00 PM.

In our parking lot!
ROOTBEER FLOATS!! ** BOUNCY HOUSE for Kids!

The Mission and Global Witness Committee will invite our neighbors AND YOU ALL to come out to visit with one another!

KIDS can explore a fire truck, an ambulance, squad car.

Sargent Shoehning, NDPD and his canine "Officer" ARCO will demonstrate ARCO's ability to find hidden items.

ADULTS will have an opportunity to talk with neighbors and first responders, AND learn more about disaster planning and *How Our First Responders Can Help Us -or NOT- after the BIG ONE strikes*. Jay Harris Newberg Public Works Director and Emergency Management Officer will answer questions and tell us how our own church may help! Mayor Rick Rogers will be out of town during that week, so Council President Denise Bacon will be on hand to represent Newberg city government. She will invite questions!!

So ... we'll hope for reasonable weather, and WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU ALL TO COME OUT AND SUPPORT THE EVENING!! AND. we are counting on lots of neighbors turning out to visit, enjoy and learn!

We hope you all will join in meeting our neighbors!!

HELP WITH MANAGING THE EVENING WILL BE NEEDED!! *Thank you!*

The Mission and Global Witness Committee

LOOKING AHEAD!

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

"God Spreads a Table of Peace Before Us"

October 6

On Sunday, October 6, 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, a shelter for women and their children fleeing domestic violence, will be our recipient. The remainder of your gifts are sent on for *Peace and Global Witness* Programs of our Presbytery 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 and your Sunday Bulletins as the first Sunday of October approaches.

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Thank You! The Mission Committee

**Women's Space for Grace, starts September 20th,
10 to 11:30AM in the church library!!**

Women, mark your calendars for the September 20th start of our weekly Friday morning gatherings. We have a name this year - Space for Grace! Our gatherings provide time and space for gracious sharing of our lives and our faith through the Scriptures, Prayer and relaxed Conversation. Transportation is available for those needing a ride. Contact Mary Kalesse at 503-644-5502. We hope you will join us!

Our very own Megan Stater was married at Youngberg Hill Winery on August 10th.
Mr. and Mrs. Beau & Megan Shaw



The latest Presbytery of the Cascades meeting was held June 28-29 at First Presbyterian, Ashland, Oregon. Elise Prayzich and Sylvia Stater represented Newberg FPC.

The meeting began with recognition of the Shasta and Klamath native peoples, upon whose land the meeting was held. Representatives of the local peoples prayed and sang in their native languages.

Youth Triennium: seven youth and four adults, representing a larger group of 39 youth/13 adults, were commissioned to attend the gathering at Purdue University, Indiana, in July. Two candidates for the ministry were approved for ordination, after answering questions from Presbytery attendees. Aaron Pratt Shepherd, PhD, has accepted a call in Massachusetts, and Morgan Schmidt will continue her work with ‘youth and 20-somethings’ in Bend.

Presbytery acted to approve minimum compensation for 2020, with a recommended 2.8% cost-of-living increase. No action taken to retroactively mandate that all ministries in the Cascades Presbytery receive sabbaticals after 6 years. COM (Committee on Ministry) will bring back a motion at a future meeting.

Dinner on Friday was served by the Community Dinner Team from First Presbyterian, Phoenix. Many thanks to them: a freewill offering was made to help them in their ministry.

Presbytery retains \$100,000 available for peacemaking efforts. Any church may apply. Bisbee grant funds are directed toward mental health – food, medications, depression support. Small grants are available.

A variety of workshops were held, including one by Rob Hagan, who has visited Newberg FPC, on Stewardship and techniques for building funds to support the work of the church. Another was a presentation on peacemaking efforts in Rwanda, and St. Andrews’ work in Cuba. A taizé service was held Friday evening.

The next Presbytery meeting shall be held November 15-16, at Southminster, in Beaverton. Anyone can attend, but each church has only 2 votes, held by commissioned elders.

Duane & Charlotte Brown Celebrate 57 Years!

September

Birthdays

- 6– Karen Black
- 13- Chris Murphy
- 19– Jacob Godshalk
- 25– Harriet Fowler
- 25– Ed Godshalk

Anniversary

- 2– Susan & Doug King
- 8– Karen & Chris Murphy
- 9– Lory & Don Albright



Upcoming Events

Friday Prayer— The sanctuary is open Fridays from 9 am to 1 pm for prayer and reflection.

New Hours – Fall hours begin on Sunday September 8th. Worship Service will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Choir – Choir Starts on Wednesday September 11th at 6:00 p.m. with a Potluck before Rehearsal. Bring your favorite dish or casserole.

GFU Serve Day - George Fox Students will be on campus to assist with landscaping and other clean up activities on September 11th.

Neighborhood Night Out – On Thursday September 12th from 6:30-8 pm, we will have a community event on emergency preparedness, disaster planning, speakers from City Council and Waste Management. We will also have stuff for kids to do and will have Root Beer floats.

First Responders Pie Social – On September 14th at 7:00 pm. Newberg First Presbyterian Church will honor our local first responders with our annual pie social. Sign ups are available in Fellowship Hall.

College & Young Adult Community – CAYAC

Meets every Monday from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. If you would like to sign up to make a meal for this gathering in the future, the sign up sheet will be on the information table in the Fellowship Hall. Kick off will be on Monday September 16th.

Choir News,

It is time for our annual Potluck Dinner and our first choir rehearsal. Our dinner will begin at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, Sept. 11th. Family and friends are invited to join us for dinner and if there are singers among that group, they are welcomed to sing with us after dinner.

Our “Help Wanted” sign is up and we hope that those who enjoy singing and being part of a fun and friendly group will come. No auditions and no music reading skills needed. Each week choir members receive an audio email to help those who learn best by ear and to assist in practice at home if needed.

We are looking forward to our Sept 11th gathering.



Touch a life ... Be a hospice volunteer

Providence hospice volunteer training offers a practical understanding of end-of-life issues and hospice care.

Fall Training

Dates: September 19, 20

Time: 9:00 – 4:30 pm

Place: Providence Newberg Medical Center

To register or for more information, please contact:

Volunteer Coordinator: Crystal Ashton
503-215-6625 crystal.ashton@providence.org

“Being a Providence Hospice volunteer is an uplifting, blessed and youthful experience. If I’m feeling down before visiting with my patient I leave feeling like I can conquer the world, or at least my problems.” Camille T., Hospice volunteer.

*Preregistration required, must attend both days

**Includes Lunch and Refreshments

Volunteer service opportunities

- Making companion visits to patients
- Helping patients with projects, such as writing letters, quilting, crafts
- Transporting patients to appointments or on outings
- Providing respite care to relieve caregivers
- Sitting with patients in their final hours if they’re alone
- Interviewing and recording life reviews

We are also seeking licensed massage therapists and cosmetologists to volunteer.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9-10 7:00 pm Session Meeting in Media Room
9-19 2:00 pm Deacons Meeting in Library
9-24 6:00 pm Finance & Facilities Meeting
9-26 1:00 pm Mission & Global Witness Meeting

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

Our website address is : newbergfpc.org

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