

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3-10-20 6:30 pm Session Meeting in Media Room
3-8-20 12:00 pm Deacons Meeting in Library
3-26-20 1:00 pm Mission & Global Witness Meeting
3-26-20 6:00 pm Finance & Facilities Meeting

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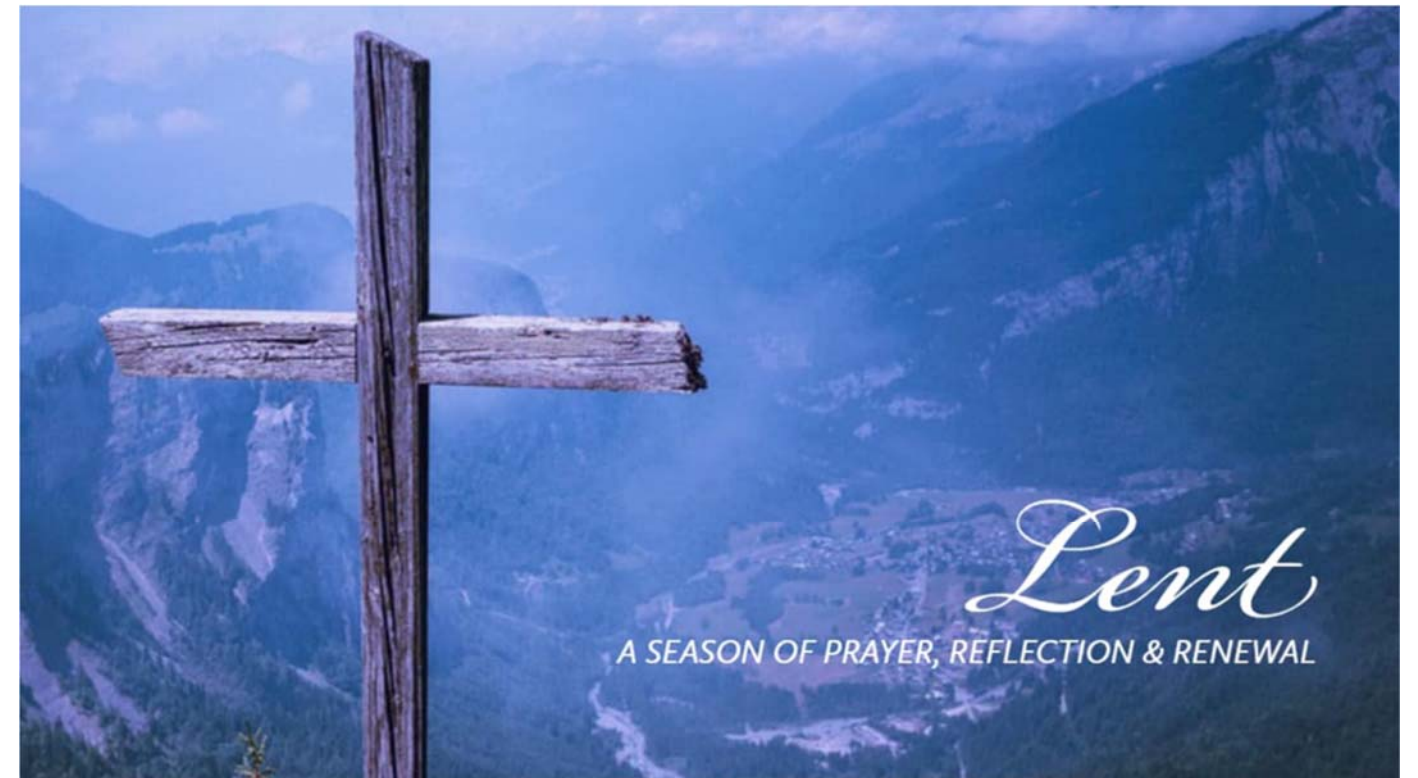
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PEW NEWS



"The Gift of Prayer"

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From the Rev. Chris Murphy—

Welcome to the Season of Lent. On Wednesday, February 26th, we began Lent with our annual Ash Wednesday service. We reminded ourselves that from “dust we come and to dust we shall return.” Lent is a time of reflection, prayer, and renewal. We reflect on the frailty of life and the beauty of life. We treasure each day as we prepare to welcome the beauty of Spring with flowers blossoming from buds opening to new life. We also use the 40 days of Lent to prepare for the gift of Easter, the resurrection of Jesus who joins us in our suffering and offers us new life.

To help us experience renewal during the Season of Lent, we are invited to reflect on our spiritual journeys. Where am I with God? What are my deepest desires that connect to God’s heart for me? Where do I need comfort, guidance, and love? We bring our reflections to God in prayer. Jesus is listening and we are invited to listen to the movement of the Spirit in our lives.

The theme for the season of Lent at Newberg First Presbyterian Church this year is “The Gift of Prayer.” We will explore how prayer can open us to the grace, hope, and love of God. Every Sunday in Lent we will reflect on different forms of prayer and during each week we will be invited to try different spiritual practices of prayer to support our spiritual renewal in this season. Thank you for joining us on the journey of Lent.



The Mystics’ Version

Prayer for the 224th General Assembly

This prayer was written by the Rev. Brian Herron, Presbyterian for Vision and Mission, Presbytery of the Cascades. He recently included this prayer in an article he wrote in preparation for Lent.

In life and in death we belong to you, O God.
Beginnings and endings
Baptism and burial
First breath and last breath
Hello and goodbye

We belong to you, O God, in your sacred seasons.
Sunrise invitations and sunset completions
Spring and fall, summer and winter
Life blossoming and life decaying
High hopes and deep despair
We belong to you, O God, in your ever-evolving Creation.
Fusion and fissure
Building up and tearing down
Upsizing and downsizing
Holding on and letting go

We belong to you, O God—a dance between two lovers.
The delight of laughter, the pain of tears
Faithful trust and healthy suspicion
Divine connection and sacred separation

Intimate communion and soulful solitude
We belong to you, O Christ, God incarnate.
Forming and reforming
Dying and rising...
Dying and rising...
Dying and rising...again and still.

In life and in death we belong to you, O God.
So be it.
So it is.
Amen.

March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 am- Worship 11:30 am- Fellowship 12:15 pm- Prayer Group	2 5:00 pm- CAYAC	3	4 9:00 am- Bicycle Ministry 4:00 pm- Personnel Committee 7:00 pm- Choir	5 8:00 am- Men’s Breakfast at Ruth’s Café at the hospital	6 9:00 am- Sanctuary open for prayer 10:00 am- Space for Grace	7
8 10:30 am- Worship 11:30 am- Fellowship	9 5:00 pm- CAYAC	10 9:00 am- Chehalem Seniors meet at FPC Life 7:00 pm- Session Meeting	11 7:00- Choir	12	13 9:00 am- Sanctuary open for prayer 10:00 am- Space for Grace	14
15 10:30 am- Worship 11:30 am- Fellowship	16 5:00 pm- CAYAC	17 St. Patrick’s Day	18 9:00am- Bicycle Ministry 7:00 pm- Choir	19 5:00 pm- Friendsview Dinner at the Manor	20 9:00 am- Sanctuary open for prayer 10:00 am- Space for Grace	21
22 10:30 am- Worship 11:30 am- Fellowship	23 Spring Break	24	25 7:00 pm- Choir	26 1:00 pm- Mission and Global Witness 6:00 pm- Finance and Facilities mtg.	27 9:00 am- Sanctuary open for prayer 10:00 am- Space for Grace	28
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Looking Ahead—Save These Dates!

- April 5-** Palm Sunday—Worship at 10:30 a.m.
- April 9-** Maundy Thursday—Fellowship Dinner with Communion at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
- April 10-** Good Friday Prayer Retreat from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on our church campus
- April 12-** Family style breakfast at 9:00 a.m followed by Easter Service at 10:30 a.m.

On Sunday, February 23rd we welcomed five new members into the family of Newberg FPC.

Alan and Shirley Kolb: Alan by letter of transfer from First Presbyterian, Dallas, OR, and Shirley by reaffirmation;

Paul and Judy Landis: Paul by reaffirmation and Judy by letter of transfer from Gateway Presbyterian in The Dalles, OR;

Jenny Lehman, transferring from Covenant Presbyterian, Lubbock, TX.



Name:

ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



- Ash
- Wednesday
- Sacrifice
- Almsgiving
- Prayer
- Fasting
- Lent
- Holy Week
- Holy Thursday
- Good Friday
- Holy Saturday
- Easter
- Palm Sunday
- Purple
- Palm Branch
- Forty Days
- Jesus
- Passover
- Foot Washing
- Resurrection
- Love



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Sunday Morning Adult Study

Please join us at 9:00 each Sunday morning in the Education Building. Experience friendship, laughter and learning all in one place!

3/8—Bruce Murphy speaks on “How would Jesus vote?”

3/15—Bob and Jan Irish share about their visit to Pakistan

3/22—Reid Thurston will speak on challenges social workers face in today’s world

3/29—Reid Thurston continues his class on the challenges facing social workers in today’s world

Need Help around your home/yard?

George Fox Physical Therapy students are offering a “3x3” as a fundraiser for Ghana+Uganda medical mission trips!!

3 Students
3 hours
\$300.00



We’ll do whatever you need:

Yard work, winterizing, Christmas lights, farm work, outdoor or indoor cleaning, planting gardens, decorating, rearranging, organizing.....you provide the work, the tools to get it done, and we do the rest!

Please call Peter (541-589-2350 or Isabelle (503-250-3950) or ask Elise for more details and scheduling info.



Mission and Global Witness News

Light of Hope – Taliilee’s doctoral dissertation goal “was to answer the main research question: How can Arsi women today be empowered to protect their human rights and participate in society’s social and religious life?”

Wycliffe SIL - Brian is continuing to work through the exegesis of Luke. The first chunk is 1:1-4:13, and I’m on my third and final pass through this. It is going well.

CRU – Erik says, “Our five week fall module has emphasized relationship with the Lord, spiritual disciplines and growth as well as understanding Cru’s leadership framework.”

The Smith Family - Dennis says, “There is something about life lived here and now that breaks many people. But it is our brokenness that binds us together. It is our brokenness that is caught up by God’s Spirit and transformed into fierce hope and persistence. God gives us a vision of power used not to corrupt, not to abuse or to oppress, but to serve the common good. Here’s what we know: somehow, death and injustice do not win in the end. We are a resurrection people.”

Tierra Nueva – (Excerpt from a guest speaker) “Let us embrace this Advent, a divine challenge to be bold lovers who imagine and who question, who resist forces that seek to separate us from neighbor, and who believe that divine love binds us to one another and to the future that we create together.”

Greetings from the Worship Committee


Your Worship Committee – a team of Chris McCourt, Gary Buck, Mary Kalesse and Lynne Patrick – work with our music director, Pat Goodman and our pastor, Chris Murphy to provide meaningful worship experiences for everyone each Sunday and each special service.


As our Easter season has arrived we are thrilled to share a number of special services in addition to our regular Sunday worship. We began with Ash Wednesday service and supper on Wednesday February 26th. Each week during Lent, Pastor Chris will be focusing on and sharing about Prayer. We begin Holy Week by celebrating Palm Sunday on April 5th. Maundy Thursday, April 9th, will be a special potluck meal and communion similar to the Last Supper. We hope you will come. Good Friday, April 10th we will be holding a prayer retreat at the church. Finally, Easter Sunday is a beautiful event at our church as we decorate the cross of Jesus with fresh flowers, in addition to hearing the wonderful message of our Risen Christ. Please plan on joining us in our celebration of the resurrection!




How Can I Help?

You may be asking this very question! The Worship Committee has some great ideas!

 Our altar flowers are becoming a little shabby and we are looking for donations of new artificial bouquets and/or vases.

 Offering helpers to help on any Sunday with our regular offering helpers. We need a team of 4 helpers for most Sundays so you are always welcomed and appreciated if you are willing to help take offering occasionally.

 Our nursery is growing and our 2 childcare leaders rarely take a Sunday off but we occasionally need someone to substitute with one of our regular leaders when one cannot be there.



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From the Deacon's Corner

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Would you be interested in helping with Fellowship? The Deacon's are looking for volunteers to help!

You can give monetarily by writing a check or giving cash marked Deacons in the Sunday offering

Or....

You could partner with a Deacon on Sunday and bring a snack and join together for the fun and fellowship of preparation. If you are interested (or at least curious) please see a Deacon. Your Deacons are:

Paula Buck	Sharon Riha
Di Murphy	Pam Weaver
Susan King	Carol Swehla

Give 'em a call! Phone numbers are in our Church Directory. Don't have a Directory? Pick one up in the Fellowship Hall!



George Fox Community Concerts

March 12, 2020— Symphonic Band Concert starts at 7:30 p.m. in Bauman Auditorium

March 31, 2020— Arnica String Quartet plays an all-Beethoven concert at 5:00 p.m. in Bauman Auditorium



The 2020 Mayor's Prayer Breakfast event will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 8:30-10:00 a.m. at the Chehalem Cultural Center.

Our church has purchased a table sponsorship. If you would like to attend, please call Katherine at the church office (503-538-3313) to sign up. First come, first served!

Alternatively, tickets may also be purchased for \$15.00 each. To do so, please contact Sandi Ficker at sandi.ficker@gmail.com



19— Pidge & Joe Steve

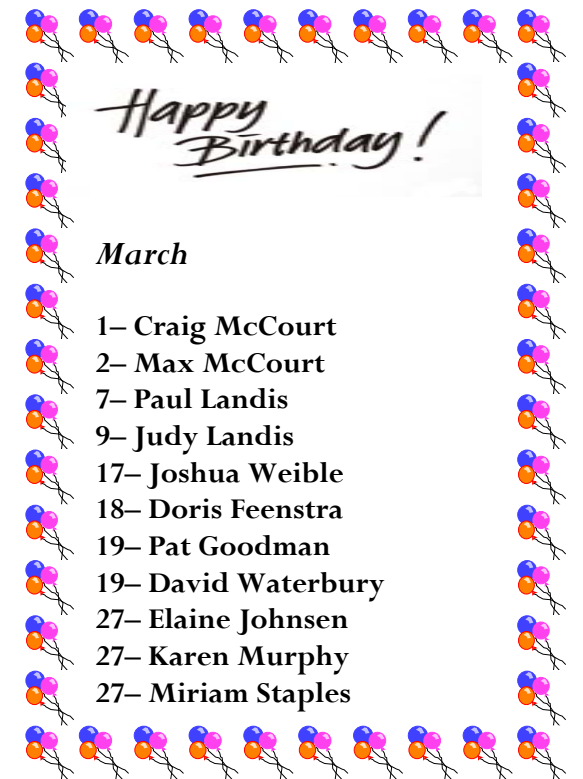
22— Mary & Bob Andrews

If you are in need of prayer, or you know someone who is, please have them contact Katherine in the front office so that you can be added to our prayer list and thus served by our congregation.

Craig and Chris McCourt—
Prayers for strength and peace during this time of recovery.

Dick and Vera Patton—
Prayers for recovery and strength.

Dick Sahagian & Carol Swehla—
Prayers for continued recovery and joy and grace as they move to their new home.



March

- 1— Craig McCourt
- 2— Max McCourt
- 7— Paul Landis
- 9— Judy Landis
- 17— Joshua Weible
- 18— Doris Feenstra
- 19— Pat Goodman
- 19— David Waterbury
- 27— Elaine Johnsen
- 27— Karen Murphy
- 27— Miriam Staples

April is Oral, Head & Neck Cancer awareness month and Providence Cancer Institute is hosting a FREE Oral, Head and Neck community screening event on **Wednesday, April 22, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** at Robert W Franz Cancer Center/Providence Medical Center. For questions please call 503-215-6014 or visit www.providenceoregon.orgohncanderscreening

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