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Newberg First Presbyterian Church

PEW NEWS



“Visioning Together”

From the Reverend Chris Murphy—

Visioning Together

Summer in Newberg is an invitation to enjoy God's creation in nature and the gift of friendship with one another through community. What a blessing to enjoy Christian community as we re-open for In-person worship. How fun to see each other again and return to the rhythm of church worship!

In preparation for re-opening our church session thought it would be helpful to do some visioning for our church. On Friday, June 11th, almost half our congregation met to talk about our values, concerns, and ideas for visioning for the future. Then on Saturday, June 12th, about 10 elders and deacons gathered with me to reflect on what we heard on Friday, to share some of our own ideas, and to create a vision statement to help guide the church especially over the next three years.


Here is the vision statement we created together guided by community input.

Newberg First Presbyterian Church vision is to live out grace, hope, and love by focusing on these three areas:

1. Creatively utilize our church facilities for community outreach.
2. Pursue Christ-centered spiritual formation for everyone.
3. Achieve financial stability and vitality.

Friends, this vision is a great step for our congregation as we recommit ourselves to being the church and living out the Gospel. Newberg is a community with much opportunity and great need. Our hope is that these areas of vision will help focus our efforts as a church.

The next step is for our church community to do some strategic planning in each of these areas of vision. Please let me or any of our elders or deacons know if you would like to be part of a small group to help implement one or more areas of this vision. The future of our church is hopeful as we follow Jesus and live out his mission for us to be a Christ-centered Church of grace, hope, and love committed to mission in Newberg and throughout the world. May our vision statement also focus our energy as a community in exciting ways. We look forward to partnering with you to live out Christ's mission for Newberg First Presbyterian Church.



"YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND..YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF."

- MATTHEW 22:37 - 38 -

Greetings in Christ from your Clerk of Session, June 2021



Clerk's Report:

Membership: June 8, 2021- 62

Communion served June 6, 2021, via Livestream service.

Personnel: Bryce Heimuller from GFU is being considered as our 2nd child care specialist in the church nursery.

Board of Deacons: Reminder to bring now clean and in good repair items (not clothing) for Church Rummage Sale to be held July 29th, 30th, and 31st (subject to Pandemic regulation changes in the Fellowship Hall.)

Adult education off for the summer. Starts up again in September

Treasurer's Report: MSC: accepted Treasurer's Report previously sent by email. We received \$33,921 in total contributions in May. The subtotal of our bank accounts is currently \$273, 399.14.

Sylvia Burns has worked out an arrangement with our church neighbor for \$2,000 to handle the trimming of the arborvitae. The De Alton Fund to pay for it with a gift from a parishioner covering the remaining costs on other trees.

Lynne Patrick recommends an external audit is performed soon for our church. Lake Grove Presbyterian has a lead for us on the external audit.

Session approved (MSC) Investment Opportunities Team for church will include Bob Andrews, Corinne Waterbury, Mark Mannerter, and Chuck Zickefoose.

Zoom worship will continue with sanitation pandemic protocols followed for contact tracing of every attendee, hand sanitizer welcome, bulletins, and flagged off pews for adequate safe spacing, and others needed to help keep people feeling welcomed and safe. Every other pew will be blocked off as recommended by CDC with hymnals and all items removed from the closed pews to reduce contamination.

Session is looking for more volunteers to join the team of 5 regulars who clean the church buildings regularly. NO food can be out in any of the church buildings. Pre packaged communion packages have been donated so no CDC rules will be broken during our sacred communion services.

Thriving Congregations Grant Meeting July 13 and 14.

Blessings, safety, and peace in Christ,

Lory Albright (Clerk of Session)



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



Please keep the Lyda family in your prayers as they grieve the death of John, the husband of Janet Lyda. May they find peace and comfort during this time.



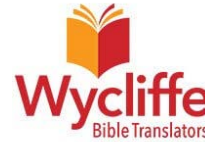
We ask for prayers for our church as we enter into a time of new vision and planning for our future. May God lead us in the ways that please him.



Dr. Javier Garcia, Honors Program professor at George Fox University, died suddenly in a surfing accident, on June 19th. Please keep his family, his friends, his students (both current and former) and the University in your prayers as they mourn his passing. He will be missed!



Brian and Julie



Brian and Julie are with SIL International (associated with Wycliffe Bible Translators.)

SIL is a global, faith-based nonprofit that works with local communities around the world to develop language solutions that expand possibilities for a better life.

As of 2020, we are involved in approximately 1,350 active language projects in 104 countries. These projects impact more than 1.1 billion people within 1,600 local communities. SIL's work brings together more than 4,300 staff from 89 countries who work alongside thousands more local partners and community volunteers worldwide. Our services are available without regard to religious belief, political ideology, gender, race or ethnic background.

Here is Brian's latest report:

Praise God! Last week we finished the consultant check of the Gospel of Luke. There are still some more steps before publication, but this is the most significant step in the process. (And of course, we are waiting for Acts to be finished, as they will be published together in one volume.) Thank you for your prayers!

I am now working on the exegesis of Acts. I and the translator are a little over 30% done with the exegetical check. We expect to be moving through this more quickly now that all the final details of Matthew are really done (it's at the printers) and the consultant check of Luke is finished. Please pray for this process. When the exegetical check is done, the text will go out for testing in the community and for editorial checking. While that is going on, we will turn our attention to a short collection of Proverbs and 3 short passages about the life of Solomon relating to wisdom. We are hoping to publish that this year.*

We have been scheduled to attend a training session in Israel in July. Given the current situation, it looks like this will be postponed. Please pray for the organizers to find suitable alternative dates. I have heard very tentative suggestions for September or October. We will see.

Blessings,

Brian and Julie

*Exegesis is the critical explanation or interpretation of a text, especially of scripture.

The Yorks

Erik and Maureen York sent a copy of their newsletter, The York Chronicles, to keep us updated on their work and their lives. They are currently on sabbatical, but Maureen writes:

"This has been a season of limited capacity for us, undoubtedly weighted by grieving the loss of my (M) mom and the continuing effect of Covid on us all and our LDHR team helping care for and equip our staff carry the burdens they bear, their staff teams and those to whom they minister. Our apologies for our lack of emotional margin to engage well with you in the midst of the burdens you bear as well."

To read more on Maureen and Erik's work and for updates on their family, please click [here](#).





From Caroline Kurtz...Happy June!

To give electronically,
please click [here](#)

We have come to the middle of 2021. It's time for a summer campaign, and this year our focus is on support for women's development. Women in Maji, a subsistence farming community, work from dark to dark. In our original community needs survey, both men and women expressed concern about the burdens of women's lives.

In the last six months, the staff of MDC has collaborated with the Women and Children's Bureau of the Maji District to start to pilot self-help groups among women in several townships. We're calling this program WISHES--Women in Self-Help Empowerment Societies.

This summer I am simplifying my life by selling rentals I inherited from my late husband, Mark. Out of the proceeds, I will match your gifts in the next six weeks. Please join me!

You, our individual supporters, are the source of our effectiveness. (We are looking for foundation support; competition squeezed us out in 2020 due to Covid). You have profoundly improved people's daily lives with your gifts to MDC. Thank you for your generosity.

May you have a safe recovery in 2021, whether from illness, loss, change in circumstances or finding a new normal. May you feel joy in spite of difficulties this year.
Mid-year blessings to you!

After a one year Covid hiatus.....we're back!



First Presbyterian Church Annual Rummage Sale

July 29, 30, and 31, 2021.

Hours: Thursday & Friday—9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Saturday—9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Clean out your closets, clean out your garage, we're ready to rumble... at our rummage sale, that is! And you can help us.

Please drop off any slightly used, clean items in Fellowship Hall. We welcome all household items, tools, toys, knickknacks, artwork/decorating items, anything except clothing! We will NOT be accepting clothes this year. In past years, so much clothing was donated that it became too much of a burden to handle. So please be kind to us and give your clothing to other worthy shops in the area: Lucky Finds, Goodwill, and the Newberg Thrift Shop.

The Church office is open Tue-Fri from 9-1 for drop off. However, If you need to arrange a drop off time on a weekend or would like to help set up or work during the sale, please contact Susan at 503-984-2581.

Please drop all items off by July 10th. We will need time to set up for the sale!

Thanks for your support!

In Our Community!

Willamette Valley Lavender Festival 2021

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 10th

10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sunday, July 11th.



The Chehalem Cultural Center in Newberg, Oregon will host the 16th Annual Willamette Valley Lavender Festival and Plein Air Art Show. This regional celebration of lavender, art, food, and exceptionally-made crafts is a unique and festive event which brings local lavender growers and the community together. The public is invited to attend at no charge.

This year, festival guests can enjoy more juried art and craft booths than ever before! Food trucks will provide their full menus throughout the weekend, as well as specialty lavender-infused food and beverage options.

Come join in the fun!



**Our Church
Community**



Adult Education class is currently on break for the summer. However, class will resume in the fall, and will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 am, in the Christian Education Building. If you are interested, you can contact Pastor Chris for more details.

Have a great summer and we'll see everyone in the fall!



Men's Breakfast will be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8:00 am. The meetings will be in-person, with the men's group gathering at J's Restaurant.

To join in, please contact Gary Buck through his email, gbuck41108@mindspring.com or give him a call at 503-250-1163. He'll give you all the information you need to join up with new friends and old!



Bike Ministry

In partnership with Love INC

First Presbyterian Church partners with Love INC in providing bikes to eligible clients. These clients are screened by Love INC to determine need and eligibility. Many times people who are getting back on their feet need to have more reliable transportation than their feet.

The bikes allow their new owners to more easily get to jobs and/or school, arrive at doctor, dentist, or job interview appointments easily, and make shopping more convenient.

First Presbyterian's Bike Ministry takes in donated bikes, delivers them to the Retired Recyclers for repair and rehab, and, once the bikes are returned all fixed up, serves as a distribution point for Love INC clients to choose the bike best suited to them.

If you would like to help out with this ministry, please contact Elise Praysich at 307-690-3762. Strong arms and trucks are greatly appreciated!

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Join Now!

Newberg First Presbyterian Church started CAYAC, which stands for College and Young Adult Community, in the fall of 2018. Over the last couple of years, we have enjoyed ministering to students from George Fox and other young adults. We are grateful that many of you have partnered with the Murphy's, Elise Praysich, and other leaders to support this ministry by providing food and other gifts.

With the pandemic, we are continuing CAYAC by providing regular Zoom meetings and occasional socially distanced gatherings in the backyard of the Murphy home with masks.

Feel free to contact Pastor Chris at murphycb@frontier.com, if you know any college students or other young adults who would be interested in participating in CAYAC. We are also accepting donations to help buy food when we occasionally meet in person. Please also be in prayer for our young adults as they navigate the challenges of the pandemic and balance school, work, and other responsibilities.



Women's group **Space for Grace** normally meets on Zoom on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 10 to 11 AM. However, they are currently on summer break. They will start up again in the fall though. For more information, please call Mary Kalesse (503-644-5502) or Paula Buck (503-250-1164.) Also, stay tuned to the Friday emails, in case the group holds an impromptu get-together this summer!

July 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Please note that all committee meetings normally held each month are cancelled for July.</p> <p>Enjoy your summer!</p>				1 8:00 am- Men's Breakfast at J's Restaurant	2	3
4 10:30 am- In- Person and Livestream Worship Service 	5	6	7 9:00-1:00- Bike Ministry	8	9	10
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Birthdays

5- Darlene Zickefoose
9- Darolen Sorum
14- Sylvia Burns
14- Jenifer Henry
15- Mary Harwood
19- Lynne Patrick

19- Dick Patten
19- Susanna Wall
24- Cate Murphy
24- Amanda Stevens
25- Mary Andrews
25- Bruce Murphy
31- Sylvia Stater



Anniversaries

26- Vera & Dick Patten

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Pastor Chris Murphy may be reached at his
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