

Newberg First Presbyterian Church

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# PEW NEWS

## Community OUTREACH



**“Community Outreach  
and Church Mission”**

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A Thriving Church congregation is shown in the depth of its spiritual formation. This means thriving churches include Christians that are growing to be more like Christ and that are deepening a love relationship with God. As an outgrowth of spiritual formation and a sign of its depth, thriving churches also demonstrate a strong missional outreach locally and globally.

At our visioning weekend in June, we included three areas for further growth. The first area mentioned was community outreach with a specific emphasis on utilizing our church facilities. I am happy that our church desires to engage our community. We do this currently in many ways. We support Love Inc. by collecting and distributing bikes for its bike ministry. On a good year, we give away close to 100 bikes to needy individuals and families. Besides assisting Love Inc., we give donations to A Family Place serving children and families who need childcare support, Faith In Action- providing volunteer assistance to the elderly and those with medical needs, Habitat for Humanity- providing affordable housing, Henderson House- supporting women recovering from abusive relationships, Newberg Fish- feeding the hungry, and Remnant Initiatives- supporting people who are transitioning from incarceration to mainstream society. We also support five other mission partners: Frontier Fellowship serving the Ethiopian community, Tierra Nueva serving Hispanic immigrants, Cru evangelistic missions, SIL linguistic support (bible translations) and Maji Development Coalition- serving Ethiopia's Maji district.

One concern I sometimes hear about churches is they can be insular, only concerned about their own needs and only the people in their congregation. As Newberg First Presbyterian Church continues to live out its mission as a Christ centered community of Grace, Hope, and Love we seek to equip each other to make a difference in our community of Newberg and beyond. Our mission connections both locally and globally help us avoid the danger of being too inward looking. I look forward to finding ways this year to engage our community more significantly.

In the month of October, we will be exploring mission and community outreach. We will start off by celebrating communion Sunday on October 3rd by receiving the Peace and Global Witness offering. During this month I wish to inspire us to engage our community and the world with the Gospel in creative ways. Our hope in this season is also to use our church facilities in ways that might help local mission groups and others experience the blessing of Christ. Some use of our facilities might include rental arrangements to bring income into our church while also meeting a need. Other outreach efforts might include partnering with existing mission partners to put on different events. If you have ideas how our church might be a light to our city by using our church facilities as a resource, please let me or other church leaders know.





This month's session meeting highlighted the exciting purchase of curriculum for our Children's Sunday School starting soon with Rosemary Dykema, Mary Kalesse, and many others working together to create an amazing opportunity for our local children to learn and grow in Christ's love together. Pastor Chris partnered with Mary Kalesse in further planning about our Thriving Congregations grant and participated in another Thrive Summit at Portland Seminary. The Thriving Congregations grant's final phase is nearly complete and should be accepted soon.

This month our congregation celebrated the lives of Bill LeMaster and Bill Goodman through Chris leading a graveside memorial in Newport with the LeMaster family and our congregation celebrating Bill's life with the Goodman family at a memorial service with Covid restrictions, here in our sanctuary.

CAYAC for our college students continues and we welcome the students Di Murphy is helping to transport each Sunday to our church service.

Flowers and donuts delivered to our incredible Dundee, TVFR Newberg and to our amazing Newberg/Dundee Police in remembrance of 9/11 by our Deacons.

A letter will be sent out advising current students of scholarship funds that are available through the church if they would like to apply. The scholarship funds would come from the Au account.

**Treasurer's Report:** MSC August Treasurer's Report

- Financial Report for August
- Subtotal Fixed Assets: \$2,048,162
- Total Assets: \$257,838.48 (Bank Account)
- Total Liabilities: \$18,735.42
- Special Offerings: \$371.62
- Subtotal Capital Campaign: \$87,265.50
- Subtotal Board of Deacons \$1,366.17

Gas leak update: Wolfer's scheduled to come out to replace damaged pipes Sept. 22nd. However, another contractor must first dig out the damaged pipes. Although we have not received a formal estimate for the full costs, it is projected to cost \$5,000 -\$7,000 to complete. Susan King contacted presbytery and asked for possible assistance for this project. There is a grant called the Barnabas Grant that we would like to apply for with the understanding that our congregation will have to pay some of the costs.

Joyfully submitted by your Clerk of Session,  
Lory Albright



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 pray for Carol Swehla, Dick Sahagian, and the Swehla-Sahagian family as Dick has entered hospice care.



Please pray for healing for Chris McCourt as she deals with teaching, cooking and moving to a new home, all with a broken arm.



**New Church Membership Class Opportunity!**

Pastor Chris is offering individual New Membership Classes in October or November for those who wish to become members of Newberg First Presbyterian Church. Due to covid, Pastor Chris will arrange to meet with you at your home, at church, or at another location that is convenient for you. Please contact Pastor Chris or the church office if you wish to become a new member.





Taliilee and Urgessa are Mission Partners that facilitate Light of Hope Ministry in both Ethiopia and the US.

Light of Hope Ministry Ethiopia (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.

Taliilee has an active church ministry visiting Oromo congregations in several large US metropolitan cities in addition to making periodic visits to Ethiopia. Urgessa has significant administrative duties in Ethiopia with oversight of construction of the academy and school construction which takes him out of the country more frequently. Our most recent message from Taliilee is:

*It has been 2 months since Urgessa returned to Ethiopia and he is returning to Portland Friday September 17th. Things are not going well in Ethiopia, with the federal government fighting and persecuting its own people. However, we continue to pray and ask God for His mercy and intervention. Despite the difficulties, God continues to amaze us by opening ministry opportunities for our staff with local churches. For us this year's highlight is the Arsi Oromo Bible publication in process in South Korea and we're anticipating a big celebration next fall or early 2022. Schools haven't started yet due to the New Year celebration and holidays this month. Thank you very much for your continued partnership with us through your prayers and generous financial support. I hope we will visit soon when Urgessa returns.*

*Blessings,  
Taliilee*



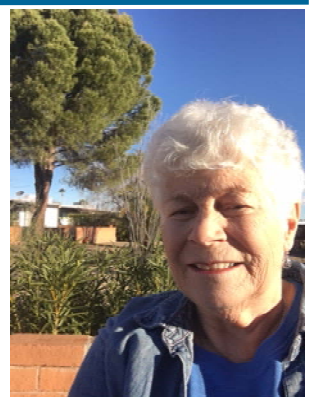
### **Our Deacons at Work**

Each year on 9/11 the deacons have hosted a pie social to honor the first responders in our area. However, for the last two years, Covid put a stop to in-person meetings like the pie social. But our Deacons are not to be stopped! This year, deacons Paula Buck and Di Murphy bought some beautiful bouquets from the Newberg

Farmer's Market and along with doughnuts and cards (written with beautiful messages from Shirley Kolb) and delivered them to the two TF&R fire stations in Newberg, as well as other locations. Thank you Deacons, for helping our church say "Thanks First Responders! We appreciate you!"



### **Introducing Di Murphy, Deacon**



Di Murphy began serving as a deacon shortly after joining the church in 2018. She says she was drawn to that ministry out of admiration for the way FPC deacons have always nurtured relationships within our congregation. She especially looks forward to when we can begin the fellowship hour again and eat cookies that don't have to be individually wrapped. 😊



PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS



**THE DAYS SURROUNDING OCTOBER 3.  
"GOD SPREADS A TABLE OF PEACE BEFORE US"**

On Sunday, October 3, 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 as the first Sunday of October approaches – but, of course, any Sunday surrounding the first Sunday is just fine! Thank You!

*The Mission and Global Witness Committee*



PEACE



**A Family Place  
Champions 2021 Event!**

Join us on **Saturday, October 16th at 6 PM (PDT)** for our annual Champions for Children signature event—a virtual fundraiser to celebrate our community’s enduring commitment to ending child abuse and neglect.

Our “event night” live, online silent auction, and raffle will provide you with an opportunity to bid and buy from the comfort and safety of your home! Both the silent auction and raffle tickets will open for advance bidding and purchases at noon on Wednesday, October 13th.

To find out more about this event and to register, click [here](#).

To find out more about A Family Place, click [here](#).

Children's  
Worship



Good News! Children's Worship classes are starting Sunday, October 3rd. Children will be invited to leave adult worship before the scripture and sermon and will join their class and teacher in the Christian Education Building. There they will enjoy fun and fellowship with friends! We're looking forward to seeing everyone!



Chair Yoga is happening! This month class will be held on *Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm* in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in joining in, contact Lory Albright at [lorylyn808@gmail.com](mailto:lorylyn808@gmail.com) or call her at 971-226-8407. Class will be led by Lory, who has finished her training to be a licensed yoga instructor. She is looking forward to sharing her gifts of love and joy, as well as her training with her church family. Hope to see you there!



## Our Church Community



Adult Education class is held at 9:00 am every Sunday. This year they will meet in the Fellowship Hall, which will allow for social distancing. Please wear masks to keep everyone safe and healthy. The first series of classes will be taught by Bruce Murphy and Mary Kalesse. If you are interested, you can contact Pastor Chris at 503-538-3313 for more details.



**Men's Breakfast** will be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8:00 am. The meetings will be held via ZOOM. To join in, please contact Gary Buck through his email, [gbuck41108@mindspring.com](mailto: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 Prayzich at 307-690-3762. Strong arms and trucks are greatly appreciated!

## CAYAC

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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 Prayzich, and other leaders to support this ministry by providing food and other gifts.

This year CAYAC will meet the 1st and 2nd Mondays of each month in the church Fellowship Hall. The first Monday meeting will be an in-person one; the second meeting will happen via ZOOM. CAYAC will officially begin in October.

Feel free to contact Pastor Chris at [murphycb@frontier.com](mailto: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 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.







Space for Grace meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month. This year we will meet in the church Fellowship Hall where we can spread out for safe distancing. Masks will also be part of our plan in order to keep everyone healthy. For more information, please call Mary Kalesse (503-644-5502) or Paula Buck (503-250-1164.) See you soon!



# October



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Adult Education happens each Sunday at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Sunday School for children happens each Sunday. Children will leave Worship right before the sermon and join their teacher for fun and learning!</p>					1	2
<p>3</p> <p>10:30 am- In- Person and Livestream Worship Service</p> <p><i>World Communion Sunday</i></p> 	<p>4</p> <p>5:30-7:30 pm- CAYAC meets in-person</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:30 pm- Session Meeting</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00-1:00- Bike Ministry</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 am- Men's Breakfast via Zoom</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 am- Space for Grace</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>10:30 am- In- Person and Livestream Worship Service</p> 	<p>11</p> <p>6:30-7:30 pm- CAYAC meets via Zoom</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>4:30 pm- Mission Committee meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Pew News articles due</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p>10:30 am- In- Person and Livestream Worship Service</p> 	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9:00-1:00- Bike Ministry</p> <p>1:00- Deacon's Meeting</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 am- Men's Breakfast via Zoom</p> <p>6:30 pm- Finance &amp; Facilities Meeting</p>	<p>22</p> <p>10:00 am- Space for Grace</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24</p> <p>10:30 am- In- Person and Livestream Worship Service</p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>
<p>31</p> <p>10:30 am- In- Person and Livestream Worship Service</p> <p><i>HAPPY Halloween</i></p> 	<p><b>Birthdays</b></p> <p>4- Corinne Waterbury                      7- Carol Swehla                      10- Shirley Kolb                      16- Margie LeMaster                      16- Anthony Stevens                      18- Roberta Simonsen                      20- Marc Mannerter                      22- Chris Sarnacki</p>					<p><b>Anniversaries</b></p> <p>14- Carol &amp; Dick Sahagian                      29- Mary &amp; Armond Kalesse</p>



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

10-5-21 6:30 pm Session Meeting  
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or by calling the church office at 503-538-3313

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