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PEW NEWS



“New Year, New Hope”

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How are you entering the new year? Are you feeling happy, tired, or sad? Maybe you have lingering fear, worry, or doubt. Or you might be uniquely hopeful. Whatever you are feeling, I want to validate that where you are is okay. As a church of grace, hope, and love we try to create a safe space here to be where you need to be on your spiritual journey. The God we follow is gentle, kind, steadfast, good, and full of love. God has no need to rush us into feelings we are not able to embrace.

I wonder if God wishes us to be real with our emotions and breathe a little more deeply as we enter the new year. If we are fortunate enough to experience some rest and renewal, maybe a spirit of hope will blossom naturally.

I will share personally that I experience waves of emotion these days. During December I experienced the energy of the Christmas story, with its wonder. I also experienced moments of grief and sadness. This is part of our normal lives.

I do wish to share that I am beginning to feel deeper moments of hope for our church. The last couple of years has been a time of significant resilience for our community and lately we are riding a wave of new people and new clarity of our calling as a Christ centered Church of grace, hope, and love. We are grateful for the new folks and for all who have journeyed with us for years.

To celebrate and savor the hope we are experiencing as a community, we are going to explore the theme of stories of hope through the months of January and February. We will remember key stories from the Old and New Testament that remind us of the hope we find in God. My prayer is that this theme will awaken new hope in our lives that help us embrace all that God may wish to offer us. May God welcome us into a new year with new hope!

MANY THINGS ARE POSSIBLE FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS HOPE. EVEN MORE IS POSSIBLE FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS FAITH. AND STILL MORE IS POSSIBLE FOR THE PERSON WHO KNOWS HOW TO LOVE. BUT EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE FOR THE PERSON WHO PRACTICES ALL THREE VIRTUES.

- BROTHER LAWRENCE -



THE WORD "HOPE" I TAKE FOR FAITH; AND INDEED HOPE IS NOTHING ELSE BUT THE CONSTANCY OF FAITH.

- JOHN CALVIN -



Session Meeting

12-14-21

6:30 pm

The Session meeting this month was full of good news:

Rosemary and Gene Dykema and Bob and Libbi Hamilton were interviewed for membership at FPC. Their life experiences and desire to join to serve the Lord and our congregation are encouraging.

All three prongs of Christian Spiritual Formation classes are going strong: Adult Ed, Children's Worship, and CAYAC.

Fellowship following services is once again in full swing thanks to the work of the Deacons who are also planning for visitation of the homebound in the new year.

We have received, or are applying for, three grants for our church - Thriving Congregations Grant from George Fox has granted FPC \$15,000; A grant from the Presbytery was awarded for \$10,000 to help repair our gas lines and get the heat on; and a grant is in the writing stage to help us replace aging technology for our services and live-streaming.

The gas leak and doors are repaired.

Advent at FPC has been a busy and encouraging time for the pastor who has been meeting with various committees, visiting homebound, and holding new member classes.

Our mission partner, Taliilee Fiquuu, will be back with us, preaching Feb. 20th!

Other Session Action:

Our good friend and former intern Nissi Undurthi has requested scholarship help as she continues her graduate studies at the Washington University in St. Louis. She writes, "I am studying Master of Public Health specializing in Global Health. My desire continues to be to work for the development of low-income countries and communities like Thondangi, the village I come from." The Session is delighted to meet her request.

The church budget for 2022 was submitted by the Finance and Facilities team and approved by Session. A big thank you to Doug and Susan King and their hard work in keeping our finances in order and helping us be good stewards of all that God has given to us as a church family.

Joyfully submitted,
Mary Kalesse for Lory Albright (Clerk of Session)



Please mark your calendar for our annual congregational meeting which will take place after worship on Sunday, January 30th. This will be a time to celebrate God's faithfulness and to highlight the goals for the coming year.

Capital Campaign

Thank you for your support of our church Capital Campaign! We are entering the third and final year of our campaign and will be sending an update letter as we begin the new year. Stay tuned for more information.



A Heartfelt Thanks from the Mission and Global Witness Committee!

We would like to we thank our always-generous congregation for the fine result of \$852 for the Christmas Joy offering. It will be shared equally between help for pastors - mostly retired pastors - who find themselves in financial difficulties through no fault of their own, and the schools and Universities for persons of color that are traditionally supported by our Presbyterian Church - PC(USA).

Thank you once again to our most magnanimous congregation!

~The Mission & Global Witness Committee

A Note From Margie



The gifting holidays are over and I hope that all the recipients of EE Solidarity and Chocolate Boxes appreciated their gift and are now enjoying the contents. I again thank you for your support of the Presbyterian Coffee Project. I have never in twenty years placed this many gift box orders to Equal Exchange: 18 Solidarity Boxes & 31 Chocolate Collection Boxes, for a monetary total of \$1,530.00. WHOOPEE!

Many have asked how to make future orders. I'll try to explain. At the time the church approved the coffee project the decision was made that it was a mission project not a fund-raiser. Products would be sold at or near cost. EE Interfaith partners buy at wholesale price. BUT (here's the rub) products must be purchased by the case. This usually means six 12oz. pkg. coffee/case and twelve 2.8oz. chocolate bars/case, and so forth for other EE products. This is a reasonable request if one is a regular coffee drinker or chocolate eater. It becomes not as reasonable when purchasing tea (1 case = 6 boxes, 20 bags/box = 120 tea bags) and ridiculous if purchasing Palestinian Extra Virgin Olive Oil (6 bottles/case). One would do this only by sharing a case. It is financially and logistically impossible at First Presbyterian to keep an extensive inventory of products on hand. Therefore, the policy is to sell by the case. Orders are made monthly providing an order meets the free shipping criteria of \$135.00.

Equal Exchange has 15 different packaged coffees from which to choose: drip, grind or whole bean, light to dark roast, and single sourced or blended. It is a bit much to require a new buyer to purchase a case of a product they have never tasted. Therefore, January/February sales will be an exception to policy. Cases of best-selling EE coffees (6) have been purchased. These coffees will be on sale by the package after service in the Fellowship Hall beginning January 16th. Prices are \$7, \$8, or \$9 /pkg., depending on the product. I do round up to the nearest dollar when selling single bags. During fellowship, stop by the Coffee Cart to see what's there!

Margie

Fun Fact to Know: The coffees served at fellowship are Equal Exchange Fellowship Blend, both regular and decaf.

I received this interesting article from our mission partner Caroline Kurtz:

From MDC staff and board in Ethiopia and USA--we wish you a Merry Happy Everything!

So what are Genna and Timket?

Fun facts about calendars and the four upcoming celebrations

- The Ethiopian year is marked by the older Julian calendar, with twelve 30-day months and a catch-up month at the end
- In Ethiopia, it is now 2014 (you're seven years younger than you thought!)



- The Ethiopian year 2014 started in September
- Coming up, the Gregorian calendar's Christmas comes December 25th, right after the winter solstice, as days start getting longer and long nights recede
- The Gregorian calendar's New Year comes next, and passes unnoticed in Ethiopia--but we wish you a happy one, here in the US!

- Then Genna, the Ethiopian celebration of Jesus' birth, falls on what the Gregorian calendar calls Twelfth Night
- Genna is not a big holiday, but some elements of Christmas are being adopted by Ethiopian city people
- And finally, Timket comes on January 19th. It is a huge Ethiopian Orthodox Church celebration of Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist and a reenactment of personal baptism

May your season's celebrations be filled with peace, joy and hope for the future, and may you savor the presence of your loved ones.

Church Community Emergency Planning

Our church has been designated as a neighborhood center by the City of Newberg to have a supply of potable (safe drinkable) water in the event of a disaster (such as earthquake, fire, etc.) that would cut off the city's water system. The process will be to place a storage container with necessary filtration equipment and supplies to produce drinkable water from any source; creeks, fire truck, etc. and convert it to clean water for the community surrounding our church property.



We will be one of the first of a planned placement of these containers at schools, churches and other public facilities over a period of time. The Men's breakfast group has formed an Emergency Preparedness Committee in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the church and the City of Newberg.

The storage container or POD will be placed at the north end of the fire lane parallel to the Education/Office Building. Major equipment and supplies in the POD are:

- Storage pod
- Hurricane filtration unit
- Folding frame water tank 3000 Gallon for raw water
- A 1000 watt generator
- 330-gallon finished Water Tote

Our MOU with the City includes the following items:

- Prepare its employees, constituents, and members for emergencies arising from natural disasters
- Form an Emergency Preparedness Committee.
- Create an internal notification phone tree network
- Coordinate with Newberg to train and utilize communication protocols
- Allow the name of the Church to be identified as an emergency assistance site on the Newberg website
- Develop a traffic control pattern for water pickup

Our men's group will be attending a training a session regarding the contents of the POD on February 3, 2022 and the POD should be placed on the site soon. Stay tuned for other information.



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.



We ask for prayers of healing for Armond Kalesse, Gene Dykema, and Carl Patrick as they recover from health concerns. Please pray that they find peace and comfort as they continue to heal.



Please offer prayers of healing for Mary Harwood's mother, Kitty, as she recovers from brain surgery. We ask that she and her family receive God's grace, comfort and peace.



An event commemorating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be held at the Chehalem Cultural Center on Monday, January 17. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m.; the program with the theme "The Time is Always Right" begins at 6:00 p.m.

This event is free, but pre-registration is required. To register, please visit the Chehalem Cultural Center, or click [here](#).

The event will also be live-streamed, so you are welcome to join us through the livestream if you are unable to join us in person or if we reach our 200 size limit. Link to livestream will be available on the Chehalem Cultural Center website.

All in-person audience members 12 and up must show proof of vaccination or a negative covid test within 48 hours of the event.



Our Church Community: Get Involved!

CAYAC



Join Now!



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, Di Murphy and Dan McCracken. If you are interested, you can contact Pastor Chris at 503-538-3313 for more details.



Men's Breakfast is held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 8:00 am. To learn more, 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!

Newberg First Presbyterian Church started CAYAC, which stands for College and Young Adult Community, in the fall of 2018. This year CAYAC will meet the 1st and 2nd Mondays of each month. The first Monday meeting will be an in-person one; the second meeting will happen via ZOOM. 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 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.



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.

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!



Calling all who love to sing! Our choir, led by Pat Goodman, is always looking for new voices to praise God. Consider this your invitation to join one of the liveliest, most fun-loving and

welcoming groups you'll ever run into. Contact Pat Goodman (pat88g@frontier.com) for more information. All are welcome!



Space for Grace Women's Fellowship

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!






Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga class is taking a break during the month of January. Normally class is held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in joining this restorative class when it resumes, contact Lory Albright at lorylyn808@gmail.com or call her at 971-226-8407. Class is led by Lory, who has finished her training to be a licensed yoga instructor. She is happy to share her gifts of love and joy, as well as her training with her church family. See you there!

January 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		<p>Adult Education happens each Sunday at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall</p> <p>Children's Worship for children happens each Sunday. Children will leave Worship right before the sermon and join their teacher for fun and learning!</p>				1	
2 10:30 am- In- Person and Livestream Worship Service <i>Epiphany Sunday</i>	3	4	5 9:00-1:00- Bike Ministry	6  EPIPHANY	7	8	
9 10:30 am- In- Person and Livestream Worship Service	10 4:00 pm- Deacon's Meeting 5:30-7:30 pm- CAYAC meets in- person	11 6:30 pm- Session Meeting	12	13	14 10:00 am- Space for Grace	15	
16 10:30 am- In- Person and Livestream Worship Service	17  MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. Day 6:30 pm- CAYAC meets via Zoom	18 Pew News articles & dates due today!	19 9:00-1:00- Bike Ministry	20 8:00 am- Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm- Finance & Facilities (Zoom)	21	22	
23 10:30 am- In- Person and Livestream Worship Service	24	25	26	27	28 10:00 am- Space for Grace	29	
30 10:30 am- In- Person And Livestream Worship Service *Annual Congregation Meeting following worship	31	<p><u>Birthdays</u></p> <p>4- Chuck Zickefoose 6- Joe Sarnacki 10- Mary Kalesse 21- Alan Kolb 26- Eric Swehla 27- David Chris 31- Bob Andrews</p>			<p><u>Anniversaries</u></p> <p>6- Bob & Libbi Hamilton 25- Bob & Sylvia Burns</p>		



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1-11-22 6:30 pm Session Meeting
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or by calling the church office at 503-538-3313

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