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PEW NEWS



“Streams of Living Water”

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Welcome to the Season of Lent, a time in our church calendar dedicated to deepening our relationship with Jesus! On Wednesday, March 2nd, we will begin the Lenten Season with Ash Wednesday, a day to remember the fragility and beauty of life. Then we will enter a 40-day period of spiritual reflection in preparation for the great celebration of the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday.

How is your heart as we enter this Lenten Season? Are you feeling tired or weary with the burdens of your life? Are you anxious? If so, you are not alone. God encourages us to see this season as a time of rest and renewal. This is a journey of self-care, self-compassion, and self-love. This is a time to bask in God's love and recommit ourselves to our spiritual lives.

This year as a church community during Lent we will be exploring Richard Foster's book Streams of Living Water, Celebrating the Great Traditions of Christian Faith. Foster is a Quaker minister who graduated from Fox University and once served as an Associate Pastor at the Newberg Friends church. He reminds us that the living water of the Holy Spirit is active in six streams of Christian faith: the evangelical, contemplative, charismatic, social justice, holiness, and incarnational stream. I encourage you to consider purchasing this book to learn more about these streams and to help you follow along with the Lenten sermon series.

My dad Bruce Murphy first introduced me to the writings of Richard Foster in the 1980's and 90's when he worked as a Presbyterian pastor in two churches. Foster helped inspire my dad to integrate his reformed/evangelical Presbyterian faith background with contemplative, charismatic, and social justice expressions of the church.

Over the last few years, I have had the privilege to do some teaching with Richard Foster's ministry Renovaré. I have found that exploring the different Christian streams helps keep my Christian faith alive and creative. I hope this Season of Lent may be a time of enjoying the diversity and beauty of our Christian traditions as we seek to deepen our relationship with Jesus. May we enjoy the journey of Lent together!



The Season of Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd.

We will have a special Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary that will include the imposition of ashes. Feel free to come in person or participate by Live-stream. You may also come by the church office between 9 AM and 12 noon on Ash Wednesday to receive the imposition of ashes if you are unable to attend the service.

“He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, “From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.”

John 7: 38



Session Meeting

2-8-22
6:30 pm

We welcome newly installed elders Lish Mannerter, Tom Greenbaum, and Chuck Zickefoose joining current elders Bob Andrews, Mary Kalesse, Corinne Waterbury, Lory Albright, Gary Buck and Lynne Patrick.

Pastor Chris comments that our congregation continues to show growth, resilience and focus on God's mission during these difficult times even as COVID lingers. Pastor Chris attended the February Presbytery meeting. Also, our annual FPC congregational meeting was held on January 30th. We celebrate that our church membership is now 65 and growing.

Deacons welcome Jen Henry as the newly installed deacon. The annual Food Drive for FISH is going on in February.

Christian Ed- discussed and approved an updated version of our scholarship application for those seeking higher education. Applications are available through the Christian Ed committee or the church office.

Finance and Facilities- According to our treasure's report for January, currently the undesignated funds for general expenses is at +\$7,499. The F & F committee is reviewing bids to remove rotting and diseased cherry trees along Mission Drive. The fellowship hall doors are now in good working order. The City of Newberg emergency planning is in the process of installing a large emergency water unit for our neighborhood on our church property. Other units are being installed throughout the community for other neighborhoods.

Worship, Music, Media, and Technology- Our Lenten season will begin March 2nd with an Ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm in the sanctuary as well as live-streamed for viewers at home. We have received a \$4,000 technology grant to help off-set the cost of upgrades to our old outdated equipment. We celebrate the many different things that are happening in our church to keep our facilities and technology updated. We look forward to continued growth in our congregation with new vitality.

Peace in Christ,

Lynne Patrick for *Lory Albright*, Clerk of Session



Deacon Project for March

Henderson House is a large brick home in McMinnville, Oregon that houses and provides services for survivors of domestic and sexual violence in Yamhill County, Oregon.

The Deacons will collect items for Henderson House in the church sanctuary every Sunday in March. Here are some of the items on their wish list.

- Gift cards (for gas, grocery shopping, etc.)
- Month/day bus passes (YCTA)
- Diapers, wipes
- Paper products (Toilet paper, paper towels, etc.)
- Household Starter Kits (Dishes, pans, towels, silverware, etc.)

For more information go to their website: www.hendersonhouse.org/donate

Thank you,

Newberg First Presbyterian Church Deacons

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

- MATTHEW 25:40 -



Updates from mission partner Caroline Kurtz, Maji Development Coalition:



Huge thanks to you and to Ato Markos

*"When we infuse what we touch with love, God shows up."
Chris DeLaCruz, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Portland*

I attribute **your** presence on the MDC team, and the miracle of my telephone connection with **Ato Markos** in Maji to powers far beyond my own. What is happening through MDC--responding to people's struggles, changing their circumstances and giving them hope--is clearly infused with love. Thank you.

Your generosity in November and December* allows MDC to start immediately on the clean water project that will change the lives of 400 families. In a call last week with Ato Markos, we agreed that my next job is to:

- Complete fundraising (only \$20K left);
- Cut through red tape at the Ethiopian embassy in Washington DC (or find a plan B!).

Ato Markos's next job is to:

- Negotiate cost-sharing agreements with district and local village leaders;
- Consult with the Ethiopian water specialist to organize the work.

Ato Markos also reported that the small rains have come, which means a good harvest--another source of gratitude in Maji, a most/y agricultural district.



Ato Markos (center L in L photo) built the reservoir for the only protected spring in Maji District. He is provisionally suited to supervise the spring-fed clean water system for Siski and Adikas villages, off the mountainside from Maji town.

Photos by Caroline Kurtz



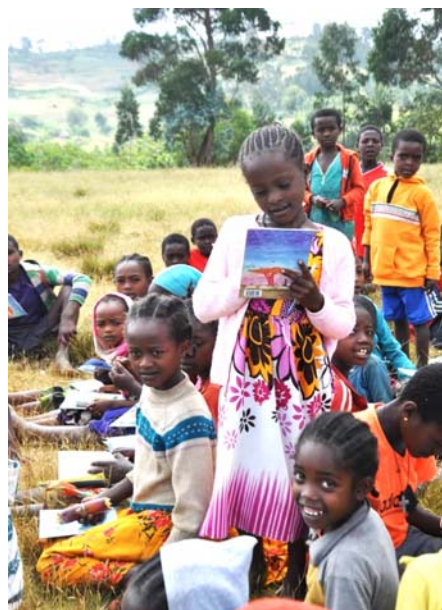
Hospital Update



The Ethiopian anesthesiologist in Maji sent me a photo of the surgery room being set up several months ago. What an amazing, modern facility in Maji, where farmers still plow by oxen, and people walk to market.

Education Update

Ato Markos recently coordinated with educators in five rural elementary schools to distribute colorfully illustrated story books. Story books for children are only just becoming "a thing" in Ethiopia. The Ready Set Go Book series created by my sister Jane, son Kenny and me are produced by Open Hearts Big Dreams Fund as one prototype for a young industry. They are bilingual, and translated into several Ethiopian languages. These children are reading their first stories ever, and in Dizin, their own language!



THE EE COFFEE CART



During “Moment for Mission” at the service Sunday January 16th I announced the opening of the EE Coffee Cart. The “cart” is actually a “store” on a cart and is open during fellowship after service and located right inside the Fellowship Hall by the bulletin board.

My goal is to introduce a variety of EE coffees sold by the package not the case. I’m hopeful that, if a buyer has a chance to sample, they’ll find what they like and will continue to support the Presbyterian Coffee Project with their case orders. Equal Exchange has an extensive variety of coffee because there is much to be considered: Roast (medium to dark), Type (drip or whole bean), Choice (reg. or decaf), Price and, of course, Taste. Where the beans are grown has lots to do with the intrinsic taste. There are Hazelnut Crème and Toffee Caramel flavored ones too. The selection on the cart is limited to EE’s most popular coffees. The products suggested for a “startup” store. Here is a listing of these choices:

Organic Breakfast Blend	medium roast	drip grind	12 oz. pkg.	\$7.00
Organic Breakfast Blend	medium roast	whole bean	12 oz. pkg.	\$7.00
Organic Love Buzz	medium plus roast	drip grind*	10 oz. pkg.	\$7.00
Organic French Roast	dark roast	drip grind*	10 oz. pkg.	\$7.00
Organic Decaf	medium roast	drip grind*	12 oz. pkg.	\$8.00
Organic Sisters’ Blend	medium roast	drip grind	16 oz. pkg.	\$9.00
Org. Congo Coffee Project	medium roast	whole bean	16 oz. pkg.	\$9.00

*Available in whole bean on order.

Also available, Single Serve Cups of Breakfast Blend and French Roast 1 cup \$0.50

The coffee project at First Presbyterian is supported and sustained by a loyal group of EE buyers who order by the case. Cases are sold at the wholesale price and are ordered monthly providing the free shipping criteria of \$130.00 is met.

I invite all coffee drinkers to make a stop at the Coffee Cart to find the products for sale and pick up a list of all available EE coffees.

Margie LeMaster

The celebration of Nell’s First Century will be virtual!

Due to the challenges and vulnerabilities posed by Covid, you are invited to submit stories, memories, pictures, recipes, or whatever you would like to share virtually to either of the following email accounts:

thefirstcenturynrg@gmail.com



NellRGreybeck@gmail.com

HARD COPY items:

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208-850-5965



...Do not forget
my Teaching,
But keep my commands in
your heart for they will
prolong your life for many
years and bring you
Peace & Prosperity

Proverbs 3:1-2

We are tentatively planning some sort of open-air gathering mid-year when the weather is more accommodating. Stay tuned!



The Experience of Lent

By Karen Murphy, Ph.D.

What is Lent?

Lent (meaning “springtime”) is a period of 40 days (excluding Sundays) prior to Easter which the early church set aside as a time of preparation. It is a time of preparation of one’s heart, mind, and soul, which allows one to fully embrace, experience, and live into the depth of the Paschal mystery that is presented to us in Christ’s death and resurrection. It is a time in which we are called, in continuity with other Christians throughout the ages, to pray, repent, fast, listen, refocus, and remember.

During this season, we pray for grace, grace to see ourselves as we truly are. We pray for strength, strength not only to see our desperate, limited, and often desolate humanness, but also for the strength to see God as He truly is, with arms open wide, waiting to refresh us with hope, compassion, and peace. We pray that the Spirit of the living God will empower us in fresh, new ways as we seek to serve, to learn, to live, and to love. We repent of the times that we have fallen short, of the moments when we have not been kind, when we have not lived justly, when we have been selfish and fearful, when we were not present to the people around us.

During this season, we choose to fast, sacrificing our own desires, wants, and needs, in order that we may be re-sensitized to the needs of the world around us, to the cries for love and the cries for justice. We set aside our own incessant cravings that we may hear the ever-present still, small voice of God speaking to us in the midst of a world filled with noise, with busyness, with “doing,” with mindlessness. We fast in order that we may hear again, that we may recognize our own longings for life, for healing, for love, that we may live mindfully in the present, truly seeing one another as sons and daughters of God.

And, finally, during this season we remember. We remember that we are but dust, that we were created from dust and to dust we shall return. We remember that we were bought with a price, that we are not our own, and that we are deeply, deeply loved in the midst of our brokenness, in the midst of our shortcomings, in the midst of our failings, and in the midst of our weakness. We are reminded that God is ever present, never changing and that we are forever held by His great mercy. Lent is a time of prayer, repentance, fasting, remembering, and celebrating what and whose we are. During this Lenten season, may you experience God’s gracious and loving presence as you wait in expectation for the day when, by His Spirit, all is made new.



One Great Hour of Sharing is a Presbyterian Church (USA) special offering that occurs each spring surrounding Easter in which our Church participates each year. Your offerings are divided among the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Disaster Assistance, and Self-Development of People. As you know, there are families living in desperate circumstances around the world, as well as here at home. Through this offering, we can all help.

The ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING special envelopes will be in the pews as Easter approaches. If you are watching the services on our Live Stream, you do not need a special offering envelope— simply designate your gift as “One Great Hour.”

We know our always-generous congregation will want to do what we can to bring the HOPE and Love of Christ to people in distress!

“Give as DEVOTION” “Give as THANKS”
“Give as ONE”

Thank you!
The Mission & Global Witness Committee



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.



Prayers for Armond Kalesse as he cares for his health.



Prayers for Gene Dykema's health needs.



Prayers of comfort for Lynne Patrick's cousin Loraine, who is on hospice.



Prayers for Carl Patrick's health.



Prayers for Bob and Libbi Hamilton's granddaughter Juliette.



Are you a current or future student, or someone who would like to continue their education to benefit their job/career in some way? Well, our Education Committee has been hard at work revamping the First Presbyterian Scholarship application and gearing up to offer our Scholarship funds to those who have a need. Keep an eye out for more details next month!



In the beginning —
The Word.
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In the Beginning.

The Word with God.
The Word was God.
With God
In the beginning.

Through him
All things made.
Without him
Nothing made.

In him —
Life.
The life of light
For all people.

The light shines.
The darkness
Overcomes not
The light.

*After John 1: 1-5
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Our Church Community: Get Involved!

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CAYAC



Join Now!



Adult Education class is held at 9:00 am every Sunday. Class is held in the Fellowship Hall, which allows for social distancing. Please wear masks to keep everyone safe and healthy. This month our studies will focus on women leaders in the Old Testament. Class will be led by Dr. Melissa Ramos and others.

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



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!



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

Space for Grace meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at 10:00 am. For more information please call Mary Kalesse (503-644-5502) or Paula Buck (503-250-1164.) We're looking forward to meeting you!



Chair Yoga










Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga 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!

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Children's Worship happens each Sunday. Children will leave Worship right before the sermon and join their teacher for fun and learning!</p> <p>Adult Education class meets each Sunday at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall.</p>		1	<p>2 9:00-1:00 pm- Bike Ministry</p> <p>6:30 pm- Ash Wednesday service</p> 	<p>3 8:00 am- Men's Breakfast</p> <p>6:30 pm- Deacons Meeting</p>	4	5
<p>6 10:30 am- In- Person and Livestream Worship Service</p> 	<p>7 5:30-7:30 pm- CAYAC meets in-person</p>	8 6:30 pm- Session Meeting	9	10	<p>11 10:00 am- Space for Grace</p> <p>Pew News articles & schedules due today!</p>	12
<p>13 10:30 am- In- Person and Livestream Worship Service</p> 	<p>14 6:30 pm- CAYAC meets via Zoom</p>	15	<p>16 9:00-1:00- Bike Ministry</p>	<p>17 8:00 am- Men's Breakfast</p> 	<p>18 99th BIRTHDAY</p>  <p>Doris Feenstra!</p>	19
<p>20 10:30 am- In- Person and Livestream Worship Service</p> 	21	22	23	<p>24 6:30 pm- Finance & Facilities (Zoom)</p>	<p>25 10:00 am- Space for Grace</p>	26
<p>27 10:30 am- In- Person and Livestream Worship Service</p> 	<p>28 Happy 100th Birthday Nell Greybeck!</p> 	29	30	31		

Birthdays

1- Craig McCourt
2- Max McCourt
7- Paul Landis
9- Judy Landis
13- Esther Chris
17- Joshua Weible
18- Doris Feenstra
19- David Waterbury

19- Pat Goodman
20- Johnny Beresky
27- Karen Murphy
27- Miriam Staples
28- Nell Greybeck
29- Alisha Mannetter



Anniversaries

19- Pidge & Joe Steve
22- Mary & Bob Andrews

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3-8-22 6:30 pm Session Meeting
Pastor Chris Murphy may be reached at his
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