

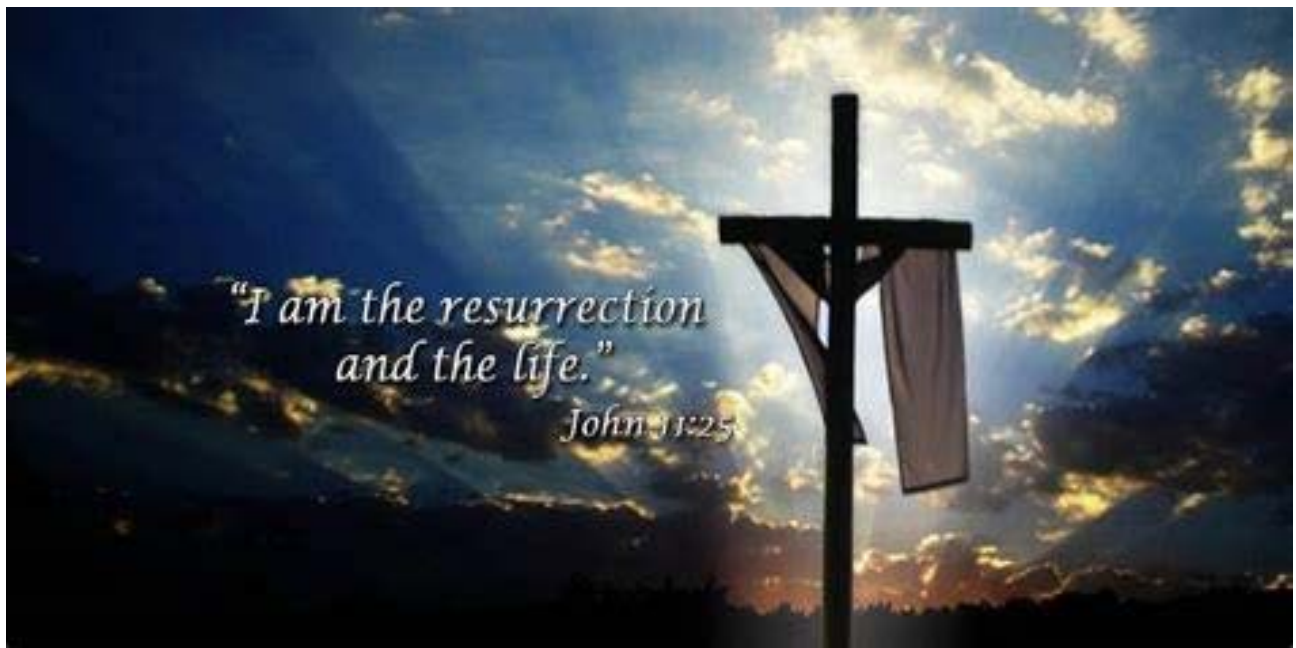
Newberg First Presbyterian Church

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# PEW NEWS



## “Easter Season”

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I hope you are enjoying the Season of Lent as we as a community prepare our hearts for the gift of Easter morning. The resurrection of Jesus is the pinnacle of his life because the truth of life after death is made visible in his resurrected body. The basis for our own faith in eternal life when we die is founded on Jesus' resurrection. Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). Through Jesus we have the gift of eternal life.

I wonder if you are like me as we prepare for Easter. I am cautiously hopeful that our experience together may begin to feel more like normal life before the pandemic. I understand we need to still be careful and make wise decisions about our health, but I am hoping we can release our fear over time as cases hopefully continue to decrease and the science shows we are in a safer place. We need a resurrection after the suffering of the last two years. We are also praying for resurrection in places where violence continues to cause chaos and fear like the country of Ukraine.

Resurrection is shown in the story of Jesus who conquers death and offers us eternal life that begins right now and continues forever. Resurrection also refers to the seasons of new life when hope arises like the sunshine on an early morning as the dew still rests on the green grass. Resurrection is shown in the bursting of fresh flowers and the brightness of color as we treasure the amazing diversity of God's creation.

This Easter on April 17th we will be in person in the sanctuary for the first time since the Easter of 2019. As is our custom, the week before we will celebrate Palm Sunday with waving palm branches. On Maundy Thursday, we will encourage you to remember the Lord's Supper as you share a meal in your own homes. On Good Friday, we will meet in person for a prayer retreat at church from 9 AM to 12 noon reflecting on the suffering of Christ and our own feelings of lament. On Easter morning, we will enjoy a light breakfast of pastries and fruit in the Fellowship Hall at 9 AM followed by a celebration of the resurrection with worship at 10:30 AM, including the placing of flowers on the cross.

May the hope of the resurrection fill us with joy as we find courage to walk through our lives with more love than fear, with hope even as we struggle with despair at times, with peace knowing that the Christ who conquered death is with us always.

 <p><b>PALM SUNDAY</b></p> <p>April 10, 2022</p> <p>Celebrate during worship service, complete with palm branches!</p> <p><b>Matthew 21: 1-11</b></p>	 <p><b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b></p> <p>April 14, 2022</p> <p>Remember the Lord's Supper as you share a meal at home.</p> <p><b>Luke 22: 1-62</b> <b>John 13: 3-17</b></p>	 <p><b>GOOD FRIDAY</b></p> <p>April 15, 2022</p> <p>Prayer retreat at church 9:00 am—12:00 pm</p> <p><b>Luke 22: 63-71</b> <b>Luke 23</b></p>	 <p><b>easter SUNDAY</b></p> <p>April 17, 2022</p> <p>9:00 am-Light breakfast in Fellowship Hall. 10:30 am-Worship Bring flowers to decorate the cross!</p> <p><b>Luke 24: 1-35</b></p>
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## Session Meeting

3-8-22  
6:30 pm

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Our Session meeting this month was blessed with God's provisions of our Christian Education Building Mortgage being paid off through generous donations to the Capital Campaign with the \$4,248.03 remaining in that fund getting transferred to our Facilities Capital Campaign fund towards building improvements such as air conditioning in the sanctuary and floors in the Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Gary Buck's hard work and God's blessings we also received a \$4,000 grant towards new audio visual equipment for the sanctuary. We also praised God for Doug and Susan King's amazing generous work with our church finances as well as Pam Fogg's leadership training many volunteers how to do a church financial review of our 2020 files. We all learned a lot and are already putting her terrific suggestions into practice.

Other praises were for our Streams of Living Water Lenten sermon series, Sunday School's Women in the Old Testament Study Melissa Ramos, Sara Hailemeskel. Thomas Millage, and Anna Virginia Millage graduating from George Fox at the end of April, our new scholarship application form, the dangerous trees coming down soon for safety for our church neighbors, and the Men's Breakfast Group taking charge of an emergency water collection tank for our church neighborhood. Care Group calls have begun, and we are so grateful to God that Corinne Waterbury headed up those terrific teams to bring our church members closer together and share prayer requests and praises.

Plans are in the works for sharing our Holy Week activities with the community including a light breakfast Easter morning and decorating the cross with fresh flowers Easter Sunday. Masks are no longer required but are encouraged as we move from signing in to just respectfully caring for each other's health during our worship time with hand sanitizer and free masks at the entrance to the sanctuary each week.

Also occurring each week will be Remnant Initiative Tuesday meals in the Fellowship Hall. We are so excited to offer this outreach and will see it extending to our community and congregation this spring. Chair Yoga continues each Monday and Wednesday with the exception of Lory's spring break so NO YOGA March 21st and 23rd. Speaking of spring, we welcome Portland Seminary's pastoral intern Laura Fuller this coming May. We will learn more about Laura in May but look forward to getting to know her and learning from her in the near future.

After spring comes summer with our church holding another fantastic bazaar the first Saturday of June. This event will rotate every other year with our church rummage sale. Through the year we reach out with our mission projects which will be including One Great Hour of Sharing this Easter Season and providing bikes for a refugee family from Afghanistan thanks to the incredible organization of Elise working with volunteers in our community to restore bikes for outreach ministry to our community. Our college outreach, CAYAC, has been rotating meeting in person and on zoom. For those wanting to gather to pray for Newberg the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast is April 2, from 8:30-10:00 at the Chehalem Cultural Center.

These are just snapshots from our Session meeting but suffice it to say that all of us worked together praising God and seeking guidance from above to be responsible disciples reaching out to our community and each other as we seek spiritual transformation through God's gracious gift of Jesus Christ.

Love in Christ,

*Lory Albright*, Clerk of Session





## Mission Partner News

Caroline Kurtz  
Maji Development Coalition



Such sweet successes in Maji Relationships were renewed after two fallow years!



It was wonderful to see Ato Markos and other friends, and to meet and shake hands with new community leaders--the hospital administrator, the mayor of Maji town, and the district administrator.

But best of all was what prompted the trip--distributing 150 solar lanterns to students who have no evening light for homework. The solar lighting kits we've mounted on grass and tin roofs will last longer and give more light, but for some families, they are out of reach. This project, jointly set up by Ato Samson of Solar Energy Foundation and Ato Markos of MDC, is a perfect supplement to the solar home lighting kits. Just look at the faces of these children!



*(right) Ato Markos urged the children to use the lights to study--to share with their brothers and sisters who also have homework--and to benefit their whole families. He reported that the town was abuzz with joy the next day. We've done bigger things . . . this was closest to the heart (it's hard to fall in love with a hospital, but a solar lantern . . . ♥ & ☺ all over town!)*



More from Caroline...

### **The Global Happiness Report We've been through a pandemic. Are we in despair? NO!**

Researchers found that yes, we had more stress, sadness and worry during the pandemic, but markers of happiness (laughter, enjoyment and particularly the joy of learning something new) increased, keeping the world enjoying moments of happiness twice as often per day than moments of unhappiness.

Then, in 2021 our levels of stress went down and acts of kindness (volunteering, donating and helping strangers) increased by 25%!

I had an experience of this two weeks ago. I fell on the slippery side of a pool. It made quite a stir, and five or six strangers rushed to help me. When the chaos had settled and all the strangers had gone back to their friends, another man came over. "I saw you dropped your drink. I want to buy you another."

Besides the good news that I did not break any bones or do permanent damage to my no-longer-young body, the "good news" of the kindness of strangers has stayed with me, giving me ongoing happiness. People are good.



*This article appeared in Cascades Connections March Newsletter sent out by the Presbytery of the Cascades:*

## CELEBRATING COLLABORATION

On December 9, 2021, Valley Community PC, Portland, in partnership with LCSNW (Lutheran Community Services of the Northwest), welcomed an Afghan refugee family to Portland. The family consisting of a single dad and seven children ranging in age from 16 months to 13 years of age, are now living in Valley's "Sanctuary House," one of three rental homes owned by the church. An army of volunteers from Valley have been working tirelessly to resettle this dear family and will continue to do so for up to the next year. Ask any one of the Valley volunteers and they will tell you this is a total labor of love...this family has captured the hearts of Valley congregants. On Saturday, March 12, the Valley volunteers partnered with the good people of First, Newberg to secure bicycles for this dear family through the Newberg church's bicycle rehab ministry. The smiles on the faces of the children communicate their joy and gratitude as they received and learned to ride their new bicycles. Thanks be to God for this joy-filled and collaborative effort between the Valley, Portland and First, Newberg congregations!!



WHEN THE BODY OF CHRIST WORKS TOGETHER...

*For those who have contributed to this worthy cause, here's the latest update...again, from the Cascades Connections March Newsletter:*

In the three weeks or so since the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) issued an appeal for help, Presbyterians have donated nearly \$1 million in response to the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine.

"We are grateful for that," the Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, director of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, said Wednesday during the Lifting Up Ukraine: PC(USA)'s Humanitarian Response webinar, which you can view by clicking [here](#) or [here](#).

During the first week of the appeal, PDA sent a \$50,000 emergency grant to its partners working in countries bordering Ukraine. More will be sent this week. "It's a small amount for now," Kraus said. "We will move to larger grants in the mid-term and long-term" to help partners develop, among other things, sustainable housing solutions. *For more information you can read more [here](#).*



One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and is focused around Easter Sunday - which occurs on April 17 this year.

Traditionally we receive this offering on Palm Sunday, but your participation at any time surrounding Easter this year will be gratefully received.

This offering supports The Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%) and Self-Development of People (32%) enabling all of us to bring hope and the love of Christ to some of the most vulnerable and desperate people at home and in places around the globe. The human-caused disasters we've seen this year, especially in Ukraine, are leaving millions of displaced families in dire need. Our Disaster Assistance is helping to ease the millions of refugees, and those who are caring for them.



There are special ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering envelopes available in the pews, though any envelope marked "One Great Hour" will get to the right place. Blessings for your generosity!

"Give as DEVOTION"      "Give as THANKS"      "Give as ONE"

Thank you!  
*The Mission & Global Witness Committee*



## So, What's With the Big Green Box?

This is actually our gift to the community around us, the gift of clean water in an emergency such as an earthquake, big fire, etc. that would cause loss of City water. The "Box" contains equipment that can take dirty water from any source and filter it to a drinkable level.

We are part of the City of Newberg's plan to provide a clean water source for the immediate community. Our Men's Breakfast group is responsible for using the equipment if needed. Currently five of these boxes (or "pods") are placed in other locations around the city with eventual plans for more as they become available. Churches, schools, fire stations, etc. will be the eventual sites.

Some time in the near future when Covid concerns lower and the weather is warmer, the City will demonstrate the contents of the Box to the community and our church folks. This activity actually started in 2019 when we gathered the community to our church for a demonstration of emergency resources and they demonstrated the water filter for us. Stay tuned for further developments.



From our Deacons:

The Deacons want to thank our generous congregation for ALL of the food brought to the church for the Deacons Fish Food Drive in February!! We collected 271 lbs. of food!!

Thank you to Jen Henry, one of our Deacons for organizing this and to Elise Prayzich and Lois MacLean for packing it all up and delivering it to the FISH facility here in Newberg!



Newberg FISH Emergency Service  
Friends In Service to Humanity • Newberg's Food Pantry



Then the Deacons also want to thank all of you who have donated SO MANY items for Henderson House that are collecting in the church Narthex!! They will be delivered to Henderson House in early April, and they will be SO PLEASED with the generosity of Newberg First Presbyterian Church!



Newberg First Presbyterian Church is grateful to partner with Remnant Initiatives through **community dinners** that will be held on Tuesdays, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. RI will provide a simple meal and share lots of support with our neighbors who have been recently released from incarceration. Stay tuned for more opportunities for us as a congregation to continue to help and support Remnant Initiatives.



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 Alan Kolb as he is hospitalized for health concerns.



Prayers for Carl Patrick's health.



Continued prayers for Ukraine as they face war and it's many hardships.



Doris Feenstra recently celebrated her 99th birthday and wanted to send a warm and loving thank you to all of her church family who visited, sent cards and flowers and helped her celebrate in many ways

large and small. She sent along this poem to let you know how she feels:

*I asked the Lord to bless you  
As I prayed for you today.  
To guide you and protect you  
As you go along your way...  
His love is always with you;  
His promises are true,  
And when we give Him all our cares  
You know He'll see us through.  
So when the road you're traveling  
Seems difficult at best,  
Just remember I'm here praying,  
God will do the rest.*



### Equal Exchange Gift to PCUSA and Chocolate!

Equal Exchange throughout the year dedicates a monetary gift to its interfaith communities. Notice has been received that during the month of April 10% of our total purchase will be donated to the Presbyterian Hunger Program for famers in Gaza. I will be taking orders up to the deadline Wednesday April 27th, and will place an order whenever the total is \$136.00 (free shipping).

The Presbyterian Hunger Program is part of the Peace and Justice ministry at PCUSA. Its mission is to alleviate hunger and eliminate the causes. The approach is holistically with five tools: direct food relief, sustainable development, advocacy, intentional and sustainable living, and education. It is this ministry that decides where the EE funds will be used.

Also, during April I will be introducing chocolate products that EE sells. It is the appropriate time to do so since secular Easter celebration involves bunnies and eggs, particularly the chocolate ones! The justice part of cacao is not only the support for small acreage farmers but also about the extensive use of child labor, particularly in Africa. The EE product line includes Chocolate Bars, Minis and Chips plus Cocoa, both baking and drinking. The Coffee Cart during Fellowship Hour will have available a variety of chocolate flavors to taste. **Chocolate needs to be ordered this month or one must wait until October.** During warm months EE cold packs such shipments. This adds extra cost. Stock up NOW!

Make a conscious effort this month to investigate the EE products available and to taste great chocolate!

*Margie*



## 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. Masks are optional. For the first two weeks of this month our studies will focus on Resurrection stories. Class will be led by Mary Kalesse 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](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.



**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](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!

## 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!



## 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!

## 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.



**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](mailto:pat88g@frontier.com)) for more information. All are welcome!

If you are interested in joining this restorative class, contact Lory Albright at [lorylyn808@gmail.com](mailto: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!



# April 2022



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	2
<p>3</p> <p>10:30 am- In- Person and Livestream Worship Service</p>	<p>4</p> <p>4:00-5:00 pm- Chair Yoga</p> <p>5:30-7:30 pm- CAYAC meets in-person</p>	<p>5</p> <p>6:00-8:00 pm- Remnants Init. Community Dinner</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00-1:00 Bike Ministry</p> <p>4:00-5:00- Chair Yoga</p> <p>6:30 pm- Deacons Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>8:00 am- Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10:00 am- Space for Grace</p>	<p>9</p>
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<p>17</p> <p>10:30 am- In- Person and Livestream Worship Service</p> <p>EASTER</p>	<p>18</p> <p>4:00-5:00 pm- Chair Yoga</p>	<p>19</p> <p>6:00-8:00 pm- Remnants Init. Community Dinner</p>	<p>20</p> <p>4:00-5:00- Chair Yoga</p>	<p>21</p> <p>8:00 am- Men's Breakfast</p> <p>6:30 pm- Finance &amp; Facilities Mtg.</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>4:00-5:00 pm- Chair Yoga</p>	<p>26</p> <p>6:00-8:00 pm- Remnants Init. Community Dinner</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4:00-5:00- Chair Yoga</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

## Birthdays

2- Susan King  
 7- Elizabeth Harwood  
 14- Dwight Burton  
 21- Cedar Albright  
 24- Julie O'Herin  
 25- Thomas Millage



## Anniversaries

4- Diane & Bruce Murphy  
 20- Lish and Marc Mannerter

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

4-12-22 6:30 pm Session Meeting  
Pastor Chris Murphy may be reached at his  
email: [murphycb@frontier.com](mailto:murphycb@frontier.com)  
or by calling the church office at 503-538-3313

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