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Newberg First Presbyterian Church

# PEW NEWS



## “Favorite Bible Stories”

Favorite Bible Stories



Do you remember your first exposure to the Bible? As a child, I remember my mom showing me her black leather Holy Bible. It seemed well worn and I knew from that day on I wanted to read the Bible with the same dedication as my parents. As a teenager, I read both a kid’s picture Bible and got my first youth study Bible. I began reading one chapter of the gospels each night before bed. I learned growing up that the Bible was God’s word and the most important book I would ever read. I am so glad I grew up with a love for the Bible and the powerful stories within it that reveal God’s love for the world.

The month of June begins with Pentecost Sunday on June 5th. Pentecost reminds us of the power of the Holy Spirit and the gift of unity as followers of Jesus. The story of Pentecost will also be the first story of our summer sermon series on Favorite Bible Stories. Our new pastoral intern Laura Fuller and I will be preaching some of our favorite Bible stories from the Old and New Testament. Our goal will be to include stories of women and men and to cover multiple books of the Bible.

As we explore some of our favorite Bible stories, I encourage you to also consider what stories especially have formed your faith. How has the Bible revealed to you the Living Word, who is Jesus the Christ? As Christians we believe the Bible is inspired by God. We learn about God through creation, through prayer and through various spiritual experiences. We learn about God from other people of faith who share wisdom with us. But as believers, the Bible remains a powerful way God reveals to us God’s story through the people of Israel, the life of Jesus, and through letters and stories of the early Church.

If you are like me, you have had both positive and negative experiences reading Scripture. Some stories from the Bible feel troubling or confusing. I know it might be tempting to put the Bible on the bookshelf and only pull it out when going through a hard time. I encourage us to reflect this summer on the value of the Bible and why we need to continue to immerse ourselves in the powerful stories of Scripture that reveal God’s love and plan for creation. My prayer is that our love for the Bible will be refreshed this summer as we explore the wisdom of God revealed in its pages.

Thank you to all who attended Adult Education this year.  
We will resume classes in the fall.



Above: Karen Murphy leads a class on prayer.





**Session Meeting**  
Held 5-10-22  
6:30 pm

Greetings by the Grace of God,

May has shown me that as Clerk of Session I need to record our Sunday numbers of attendees. The 15th of May I counted 50 at our 10:30 service. Easter there were 100. Soon I will have an updated roll for membership. Exciting things Session is working on this month include celebrating a successful year of Adult Spiritual Formation through our 9:00 a.m. classes which will wrap up in May until next fall and our Children's Ministry which will slide younger attendees into the care of our amazing nursery attendants for the summer months studying Bible Stories with Anna Virginia Millage. Such a blessing celebrating our many graduates, the return of choir anthems once a month, the first year of Chair Yoga wrapping up in May, Ciaran Hynes' inspiration for a Peace Garden on our back lot which the Session is looking into, and Laura Fuller's Portland Seminary Internship which has begun from our Thriving Congregations Grant. Session approved both our new audio and visual tech equipment for the sanctuary and air conditioning for the sanctuary. Session also reinstalled both a Memorials and Gifts Committee and a Financial Aid Committee to oversee handling of funds from Memorials as well as granting of scholarships. Let us know if you are interested in participating in either of these committees.

Take time to breathe in God's Goodness this spring,

Love 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.*



*space for grace*

*...summertime!*



Prayers for Rosemary Dykema as she heals from a broken wrist.



Please keep Lynne and Carl Patrick and the Patrick family in your prayers. Carl is now going on "comfort care" with hospice in their home. Carl comes home Friday afternoon. He is not in pain and is looking forward to being home. The family will be here to greet him and help him get settled. Please send prayers for strength, comfort and grace as the Patrick family enters into this new chapter of their lives.



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



Please pray for our country as we face ongoing violence in our communities. May God send us grace and wisdom as we work together to solve these tragic problems.

Space for Grace is going on vacation in style!! Our twice monthly gatherings of Space for Grace have completed the school year schedule and are ready to move into vacation mode. During the summer months the focus will be on FRIENDSHIP and FUN - along with GRACE! Each month a gathering will be held at a home or park -

June meeting: Tuesday, June 21st, at 11:30 am  
July meeting: Tuesday, July 12th at 11:30 am  
August meeting: Tuesday, August 23rd at 11:30 am

Directions and other details will be sent out closer to each meeting.

These gatherings are for all women regardless of age and stage. We hope you can join the group for one or more of our vacation days! Questions? Call Mary Kalesse (503-709-3292)



*From our Clerk of Session: This letter was sent to Lory Albright and she passed it on to us:*



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Dear Presbytery of the Cascades Ministers and Church Leaders,

At the Friday, March 11 meeting of the presbytery, we adopted new mission and vision statements for the work and direction of the presbytery. I want to personally thank you for your patience and participation in this process. Four years ago, I began meeting with all the congregations of the presbytery in order to hear your hopes and concerns, discover what we shared in common, and listen for the vision that is emerging before us.

Two years ago, the coronavirus hit us with tsunami-like force. The pandemic both suspended the work of adopting a shared vision and made the need for a shared vision more urgent and apparent. Last week the presbytery adopted the work of the Strategic Planning Team after fourteen months of praying, listening, wrestling, discerning, and editing. I was both delighted and relieved that we crossed this important threshold together.

The heart of our new mission and vision is this: Rooted in God's love, we are presbytery committed to collaborative mission between our churches, ecumenical partners, and community entities.

I believe that two compelling factors are at play that tell us that this is the right time, the Kairos moment, for a collaborative model for the presbytery.

1. The truth is we have an increasing number of congregations who no longer have the people and financial resources to be sustainable on their own. These congregations have a rare and rich opportunity to invite other churches and community partners to share buildings, staff and mission initiatives. The result will be churches that continue to remain viable and/or create sustainable, innovative models for the future of the church. It may sound counter-intuitive, but it is these churches who will play a central role in paving the way to a new future.
2. In recent years, the ecumenical spirit that started over a hundred years ago has now expanded to include community partners, government agencies, and even businesses committed to the social good. We have discovered that in this diverse society that many others share our commitment to mission even if they do not share our same faith. In this rich time of opportunity, we in the church will continue to carry the name of Jesus Christ, and, the mission of Jesus Christ will be embodied in the broader community in a web of collaborative partnerships of which we will be a part.

Strangely enough, I remember decades ago singing about this kind of collaboration at church camp. Read the lyrics of "They'll Know We are Christians by our Love" and see how closely this well-known hymn and camp song mirrors our new mission and vision statements *Please [CLICK HERE](#) for the new mission and vision statements.*

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored.*

*We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride.*

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

Together in ministry with you,

*Brian*

Rev. Brian Heron  
Presbyter for Vision and Mission



**Word from the Yorks,  
our mission partners:**

## Summer Missions Traveling Again!

This week we sent one of our first overseas teams, including student athletes, since Covid19 hit. Our fall vision trip to South Asia brought an invitation to send a volleyball camp team including Casey, Janell and Amber. We pray they will continue to build trust with national coaches (especially Coach Pavi) and for fruitful gospel conversations with campers who do not yet know the Lord. Our staff will be discipling the student athletes helping run the camp whose pre trip training included personal growth and testimony preparation.



*Casey, Amber, Joel, and Rylanne, staff and intern in our volleyball department.*

## Milestones in the Doctoral Journey

This month Erik passed a significant milestone in his doctoral journey: He finished his final class in which he outlined the foundations of the Executive Leadership Development Curriculum as well as creating the base presentations that will be used for coaching. He will conduct the action research (beta testing with 10-15 leaders) for the curriculum this coming academic year. This summer he will prepare for and take his comprehensive exam, a ten hour written response to all he has learned in his coursework.



## Summer Concert Series

Have a fun evening out pre-planned for you each month this summer with CCC's Summer Concert Series featuring performances by world-class musicians! You're welcome to bring a picnic or takeout from your favorite downtown Newberg restaurant — or purchase a glass of wine and snacks from us onsite.

### June 17

**Duo Apaixonado:** Alfredo Muro and Valdine Mishkin; A repertoire from classical to Spanish, Latin and Brazilian Jazz

### July 22

#### **Opera on Tap**

A fun selection of opera songs performed cabaret-style.

### August 19

#### **Chasing Ebenezer**

A folk/Americana band with tunes alive with bohemian violin licks, world percussion, and an ever-increasing array of instruments.

Doors open at 6:30PM

Performances begin at 7:00PM

Concerts are approximately 60-75 minutes with an intermission

Buy a Subscription to all three concerts in the series and get complimentary wine at each show!

If subscribers are not able to make it to all concerts, they are welcome to have guests use their tickets.

To more information and to reserve tickets please [click here](#) or visit the Chehalem Cultural Center website.





## Our Church Community: Get Involved!

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# CAYAC



See you in  
the Fall!

Newberg First Presbyterian Church started CAYAC, which stands for College and Young Adult Community, in the fall of 2018, and it continues to be a positive space for support and good friendships. Feel free to contact Pastor Chris at [murphyxcb@frontier.com](mailto:murphyxcb@frontier.com) if you know any college students or other young adults who would be interested in participating in CAYAC in the fall. Please be in prayer for our young adults as they navigate the challenges of balancing school, work, and other responsibilities. **Currently, CAYAC is off for summer break, but look for us again in the fall. Have a safe and fun summer, everyone!**

### Space for Grace Women's Fellowship



Space for Grace is on summer break and will not meet regularly until the fall.

However, there will be some summer get-togethers coming up. Please check the summer issues of the Pew News for more details. Enjoy the summer break, ladies; we'll see you in the fall!

### Chair Yoga



Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga class is on vacation! The class will not meet during the months of June, July and August.

In the fall, if you are interested in joining this restorative class, you can contact Lory Albright at [lorylyn808@gmail.com](mailto:lorylyn808@gmail.com) or call her at 971-226-8407. This class is led by Lory, who is a licensed yoga instructor. She is happy to share her gifts of love and joy, as well as her training, with her church family. Enjoy your summer break and we'll see you in the fall!



### Friday Prayer Retreat

Join us on the first Friday of each month as we gather together in the Sanctuary from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon with a small luncheon after. Together we will make First Presbyterian a house of prayer for Newberg.



Sunday Morning  
Adult Study

Adult Education class is on summer break. However, we want to take a minute here to thank our class leaders and visiting presenters and teachers.

You taught well and we credit you for opening our minds and hearts and giving wisdom. Thank you, thank you!

**And to our friends and fellow classmates: enjoy summer break and we'll see you in the fall!**



**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!



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

# June 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Adult Education and Children's Worship are both on summer break. See you in the fall!			1 9:00-1:00- Bike Ministry	2 8:00 am- Men's Breakfast	3 9:00-12:30 pm- First Friday Prayer Retreat in Sanctuary	4 10:00am-4:00pm Newberg Public Library Book Sale
5 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service	6	7	8 7:00 pm- Choir Practice	9	10	11
12 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service	13	14 6:30 pm- Session Meeting	15 9:00-1:00- Bike Ministry	16 8:00 am- Men's Breakfast	17 Pew News articles & schedules due today!	18
19 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service  <i>Father's Day</i>	20	21	22 7:00 pm- Choir Practice	23	24	25
26 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service	27	28	29 7:00 pm- Choir Practice	30		

## Birthdays

3- Gail Bonsey  
3- Anna Virginia Millage  
3- Reid Thurston  
4- Pat Harcourt  
4- Gary Buck  
5- Christopher Harwood  
10- Tom Greenbaum  
15- Vera Patten  
18- Sage Albright



## Anniversaries

3- Steve and Shirley Seaquist  
20- Janet Range & Eric Swehla  
23- Mary & Corban Harwood  
24- Darlene & Chuck Zickefoose

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

6-14-22 6:30 pm Session Meeting  
Pastor Chris Murphy may be reached at his  
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or by calling the church office at 503-538-3313

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