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PEW NEWS



“Peace and Unity”



From the Reverend Chris Murphy—

Peace and Unity

Recently I spoke to the Kiwanis group here in Newberg about my life journey and how my family came to our church. Bob Andrews invited me to join Kiwanis when I became the pastor here, and I enjoy connecting with the broader Newberg community through this club that has a special heart for children and youth. During my talk with Kiwanis, I shared some thoughts on how our church is growing younger and some of the exciting new things happening with our congregation. I mentioned to Kiwanis that one of the key ideas of our church is that we seek to build bridges and unity here in Newberg. We also seek to be a community of peace.

In a recent sermon on the Mary and Martha story I shared about the value of contemplative listening and that our church is seeking to be among other things a Christian Spirituality Center for people to deepen their experience of listening to Jesus. I highlighted that one way our church campus is fostering this value is by creating the Newberg Peace Garden. The Newberg Peace Garden will be a place of beauty behind our church fellowship hall that draws both religious and non-religious people to find peace, rest, and God's love. Ciaran Hynes, an active new attender of our church, is leading the design and development of this garden with the support and insight of Sylvia Burns and others in our community. We are praying for God to bring deeper unity and hope through this project. It will include a peace path and labyrinth to help foster a deeper awareness of God's presence in nature. Over time many plants and flowers will be grown to add to the beauty of this land. The initial funding of \$5,000 for this project is coming from the Thriving Congregation grant from Portland Seminary that we received at the end of 2021. Stay tuned for a future article on the progress we are making on this exciting project.

One other positive highlight of this summer is that we are enjoying special gatherings for community building like our church picnic and a special Youth and Family barbecue at the Hynes home. In this Pew News we share some of the photos of these fun events. It is a joy to find ways to build friendships as we worship and serve God together. May God continue to bless our efforts to bring light and love to the community of Newberg as we listen to the heart of Jesus and seek to bring people together with a heart for intergenerational community. God is alive and well and leading the way for our church to make a difference in our town. The Peace of Christ be with you.

Bob Ross Paint Party!



The youth came up with this brilliant idea! On **Friday, August 5th, 6:30-8:00 pm** we will be having another youth and family event - **Paint Night at Church!**

Paint night will be held in the Fellowship Hall and, rest assured, there will be paint, brushes, Bob Ross and lots of fun and laughter.

Questions? Need more details? Contact Laura at lfuller02@georgefox.edu

Coming soon is the **Fish Christian Music Festival** in Salem at the Riverfront Park. The event will take place on Saturday, August 20th. TobyMac, Mac Powell, and several others will be there to perform - a great lineup!

Families will purchase their own tickets, then we will meet at the amphitheater and sit together. Youth and families can RSVP with Laura (503-939-4687) and learn more about the event and how to purchase tickets at thefishportland.com.



Wycliffe

*From Mission Partners
Brian and Julie O*

- The Acts consultant check is finally set for June 22-July 20. The plan is to meet three times a week for 3¼ hours a day. Acts has 1007 verses, plus we need to look at the introduction and glossary entries.
- The new second translator is gradually becoming more comfortable with the translation software. She has drafted all of Mark, but it's very much a first draft and will require quite a bit of editing.
- We've been plodding along with Genesis as well. The exegetical check is over 30% done.
- Very soon after the consultation there is a workshop in Eurasia for exegetes, followed by our SIL group conference.



*From Mission Partners
Maureen and Eric York
and daughters*

Our Global Missions team met last week in Turkey and Eric had the honor of being with them virtually. We're thankful for how this multinational, multiethnic team is taking significant steps in training and empowering gospel leaders all over the globe. The 6 regions are now primarily led by international leaders from those regions.

We recently got some tough test results—Eric has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. It's been a period of learning, praying and making decisions about next steps. Because of the level of aggressiveness, volume and risk of spread in relation to his age, it is recommended that he pursue treatment sooner than later.

On May 21, Kristianna (the York's oldest daughter) graduated from Lebanon High School summa cum laude. She is heading to the University of Cincinnati in the fall to study biochemistry.



Tierra Nueva

*Mission Partners
Bob and Gracie Ekblad*

Bob and Gracie have a ministry with prisoners and migrant workers. The following is from a Bible study group activity.

I ask whether there's anyone in need of prayer before we wrap up. A man who'd suffered as a Vietnam veteran, two-years clean off crack cocaine, says he needs prayer for COPD, a chronic lung condition that makes it hard for him to speak beyond a faint whisper. We gather around and lay hands on him, praying for his healing. Almost immediately he notices a big change. He is astonished as he starts to breathe more freely, and we notice the volume of his voice increases significantly. We all marvel at the beautiful presence of Jesus moving in our midst, delighted by the radical goodness of God.

Diaper Drive for A Family Place:

The Deacons are hosting a diaper drive for the month of August and would love to see our church share their love with 'A Family Place' here in Newberg. Did you know that mothers with limited access to diapers report more difficulty with general stress management, depression and coping skills? (All of which are tested for all parents, as many of us know!)



Please bring diapers and wipes to the Sanctuary on Sundays during the month of August as we help 'A Family Place' partner with parents and caregivers to overcome life's challenges and build on their own



Space for Grace August Get-Together

Hi Ladies,

Please plan to pack a lunch and bring it to Paula Buck's house on Tuesday, August 23rd at 11:30 AM. Please email Paula by Saturday, August 20th to let

her know if you are planning to come. However, you can still come if you don't get a chance or forget to email. But emailing Paula will help her have an idea of how many will attend and if she will need a few extra chairs. Hopefully everyone will be able to sit outside on the deck in the shade. Mary Kalesse will send out Paula's address to everyone before August 23rd, However, if Mary doesn't have your email, or this is your first time attending Space for Grace, you can contact Paula at pbuck41108@mindspring.com. Thanks!



The LIFE HISTORY of an EE TEA BAG

When you dunk a tea bag into a cup of hot water do you ever wonder about how I came to be? Well, here is a brief summary of my life.

Planting and Growing: My plant name is *Camilla sinensis* and a great number, millions, of us are planted and grown in tropical and subtropical climates in countries such as China, India, and Sri Lanka. I'm from the Potong Tea Garden in the Darjeeling region of India. Potong is a worker owned collective. The workers not only grow and harvest me but also own the land. They are good land stewards and don't use caustic pesticides and fertilizers. I'm a shrub with very green leaves and in two or three years after planting I'm ready to be picked.

Plucking: Picking is delicate, hands only, for what is wanted is only my stem tips consisting of a few young leaves surrounding a bud before it flowers. I and my buddies are in our youth when picked.
Withering: We're all now tiny stems with a couple of tender leaves and a bud. All of us find ourselves in a bag. We are carted off to be dumped and spread out to dry. This reduces our water content and makes us more pliable. What comes next is frightful.

Disruption (leaf maceration): We are intentionally brutally bruised by being shaken, rolled and/or crushed to tear our skin and break our cell structure to release enzymes. Ouch!

Oxidation (fermentation): This is the crucial process because these enzyme driven chemical reactions will determine what type of tea we will become. With little oxidation we will stay green and become green tea. With lots of oxidation we'll turn dark and become black tea. Remember all tea comes from the same genesis of plant. It's all very complex.

Fixation: to stop the oxidation process at the right time we are heated to a temperature where the enzymes stop working.

Finally, we are **Sorted** removing any impurities like stems or seeds and **Packaged** either loose leaf or in tiny bags.

Now we're ready to be **Purchased** by Equal Exchanged and **Sold** from the Coffee Cupboard at First Presbyterian Church.


My buddies and I are proud of our lives We started out as young leaves on a faraway bush. We are now making you a delicious, comforting drink. "Happy Teatime!"


Margie

The Coffee Cupboard sells EE tea \$3.50 per box of 20 bags.



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 send prayers of joy and thanksgiving for the birth of George Stevens. Baby George is the son of Amanda and Anthony Stevens, and joins big brother and sister Charles and Adelaide.

 Moriah McManimie and husband Jaime Guevara have recently begun attending our church. They have asked for prayers as they are homeless and Moriah is currently fighting stage 4 cancer and Jaime is dealing with Type II diabetes. May God send healing to them both and guide their way to a home.



Church Picnic Fun!

What a blessing to join with our church family and celebrate a sunny day with food and fellowship!

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.

Matthew 18: 20



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Youth and Families Barbeque

We had close to 25 people join us for a youth and family barbecue on July 13th at the home of Ciaran and Mindy Hynes. Who can go wrong with chocolate, marshmallows and a campfire? The smiles say it all!





Our Church Community: Get Involved!

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CAYAC



See you in
the Fall!



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 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, and it continues to be a positive space for support and good friendships. Feel free to contact Pastor Chris at 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!



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, you may contact Lois McLean or Elise Prayzich (307-690-3762.) Strong arms and trucks are greatly appreciated!

Chair Yoga



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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 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!



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!





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.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 9:00-1:00- Bike Ministry 7:00 pm- Choir Practice	4 8:00 am- Men's Breakfast 10:00 am- Deacons meeting	5 9:00-12:30 pm First Friday Prayer Retreat 6:30 pm- Bob Ross Paint Party	6
7 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service	 8 10:00 am- Worship Committee meets	9 6:30 pm- Session meeting	10 7:00 pm- Choir Practice	11	12	13
14 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service Choir sings	 15	16	17 9:00-1:00- Bike Ministry	18 8:00 am- Men's Breakfast	19 Pew News articles & schedules due today!	20 Fish Fest for Youth and Families-contact Laura for arrangements
21 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service	 22	23 11:30 am- Space for Grace summer get- together	24	25	26	27
28 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service	 29	30	31	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #fff9c4;"> Adult Education and Children's Worship are both on summer break. See you in the fall! </div>		

Birthdays

2- Armond Kalesse
3- Nancy Thurston
7- Chris McCourt
10- Chiara Murphy
26- Janet Range
28- Kim Godshalk
28- Maddy McCourt
29- Libbi Hamilton



CELEBRATE!

Anniversaries

2 - Paula & Gary Buck



COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8-9-22 6:30 pm Session Meeting
Pastor Chris Murphy may be reached at his
email: murphycb@frontier.com
or by calling the church office at 503-538-3313

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