

Newberg First Presbyterian Church

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PEW NEWS



“Fantastic Fall”



From the Reverend Chris Murphy—

Fantastic Fall

September is here and we are getting ready for a fantastic Fall at Newberg First Presbyterian Church. Fall is the season where school begins again for many and our church starts another year of spiritual formation through our education programs for children, youth, and adults. We also welcome back our friends at George Fox University. Here are a few things to prepare for as we enter the Fall Season.

- ◆ Join us for worship every Sunday as we explore the theme of our unique mission as a Christ centered church of Grace, Hope, and Love within the Presbyterian Church (USA) denomination.
- ◆ On Saturday, September 10th you are welcome to join us for the Pie Social for First Responders here in the church Fellowship Hall from 6 to 7:30 PM. We will also be taking signups to bring pies.
- ◆ On Sunday, September 11th, we will begin both Adult Spiritual Formation at 9 AM and Children's Worship for elementary school children during the worship service.
- ◆ On Sunday, September 11th, we will also welcome our mission partner, Carolyn Kurtz, to preach in worship and share about her mission work with the Maji district of Ethiopia.
- ◆ On Wednesday, September 14th, we will welcome George Fox students for Serve Day on our church campus from 10 AM to 3 PM. They will help us lay gravel and do other work for our Newberg Peace Garden. You are welcome to help us on this day.
- ◆ September also is the beginning of another season of Space for Grace, Men's Breakfast, Youth and Family gatherings, and CAYAC (College and Young Adult Community).

May a fresh wind of the Holy Spirit empower our ministry as we prepare for another Fantastic Fall season!



Session Meeting August 9, 2022

Greetings in Christ,

This month our Session celebrated God's blessing us with the work of Chris Murphy, Katherine Millage, and Pat Goodman, by giving out monetary gifts. We also began the process of evaluating Pastor Chris. This process will allow us to start the groundwork for installing him as our permanent pastor. I apologize that, as an inexperienced clerk of session during COVID, I have not been able to get the training and do this position as expertly as it should be done. My job this fall, as well as teaching 5th grade full time, will be to learn the steps our congregation and Session need to take to get Chris fully installed.

We as a session are also working on starting up our Memorial and Gifts Committee again to firm up steps for precious gifts like memorial benches in our peace garden. Finally, we prayed for guidance on opportunities to be cooling or warming shelters in extreme weather conditions for our community. Please see a deacon or elder if you would like to join a committee and/or help with the leadership of our church in this exciting season of spiritual restoration.

With the peace that passes all understanding,
Lory Albright, Clerk of Session



Adult Spiritual Formation Class returns!

Adult Spiritual Formation class will resume on Sunday, September 11th at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall.

This fall in our adult education classes we will be exploring the six streams or traditions of Christian spirituality which were introduced in our worship services last spring: the Contemplative, Holiness, Social Justice, Charismatic, Evangelical, and Incarnational Streams. We will examine their foundation in Scripture and their historical contribution as we share our own Faith stories and questions. Our goal is to move beyond mere understanding to a deeper faith as we seek to influence our troubled world.



From Mission Partner
Caroline Kurtz



Women carry 5 gallon jerrycans down the steep hillside to their families. It's not even clean—but they have no other options. MDC is bringing an option!



Collaboration Documents Signed

Government, community and MDC leaders prepare to start the Siski Clean Water Project for 400 families

The agreements are now in place to start the Siski Clean Water Project--bringing clean water to 8 small villages on the mountainsides of Maji District.

- Local government offices have signed for their support--financial and coordination.
- Local communities will gather materials such as stone for a reservoir and wood for scaffolding.
- The Maji Water Bureau and village elders will also organize village committees to oversee distribution of the clean water. They have agreed that women will be included in decision-making.
- The generosity of the MDC team is the third piece of a complex puzzle.

Of course it's complex! The fact is, MDC is bringing infrastructure to this remote district in Ethiopia. People in Maji District mostly farm, and raise what they need to live on. There is no tax base for infrastructure. The Government of Ethiopia has provided schools and roads, but not power and clean water.

When I suggested to Ato Markos, our project manager, that he is now embarking on the hardest part of the project--the coordination of so much work and effort--he just laughed. "This is the easy part," he said. "For us, finding the money was impossible. MDC is a miracle for us." He sends thanks and speaks for all, from the highest district administrator to the women who do the back-breaking work to provide water for their families.

Other News



My sister Jane and I were honored by the Presbyterian Writer's Guild at an award ceremony . [Here is the news write-up](#). And here's also a link to my thank-you [PowerPoint](#) with photos of my life in Ethiopia and South Sudan. Enjoy!

And--yippee!--my second book, Today is Tomorrow, got a generous review in the Presbyterian Outlook Magazine. . You can order the book here or from Amazon.

Finally--watch for news of my new author website and an updated MDC website--coming soon!

Our hot US summer will break soon . . . the heavy rains in Ethiopia will stop . . . the seasons will shift as they have since creation. I hope you find joy in your blessings and grace in troubling times. Your loyalty and generosity makes such a difference for good in the lives of the people of Maji District. Thank you. Caroline



TEA– BLACK, GREEN, AND HERBAL

WHAT’S THE DIFFERENCE?*

Let’s be frank, all teas are herbs and tea can be made from the leaves of any herb that is infused in hot water. So what makes the difference? In last month’s article I identified tea as the plant *Camilla sinensis* grown and developed as a drink in China centuries ago. One of the special qualities of this plant is that it contains caffeine. One might call this “real tea.” Teas called “herbal” come from herb plants that do not have caffeine. And, green tea, well, I’ll get to that later.

Black teas differ even if they are the same plant. Just like with coffee, the soil, altitude, and climate can make a difference. In India black tea from the Darjeeling region of India tastes different than that from the Assam region. Also, ingredients can be added. Earl Grey tea has a note of citrus in its taste because the oil from the bergamot orange rind is added. And Chai tea contains a unique blend of spices.

Herbal teas differ depending on the plant. Peppermint, hibiscus, chamomile are all different herbs. There can also be additives. The Vanilla Rooibos box reads “Enjoy the sweet inviting blend of Rooibos and vanilla. It’s like dessert in a cup.” Or Turmeric Ginger, two herbs one a leaf and one a rhizome.

Now to Green tea, *surprise!*, it is black tea that hasn’t turned black. Why? The oxidation process is not nearly as long. Think of white bread toasted nicely or burnt. Green tea is promoted as having good antioxidants and little caffeine. This is because with less oxidation the antioxidants survive and with more oxidation they don’t. But the caffeine survives in full, which concentrates the caffeine in the black tea.

The Coffee Cart has several different Equal Exchange teas in stock. \$3.50/box of 20 tea bags. There is also a resupply of best-selling coffees. \$7.00 - \$9.00/pkg. Stop by and shop.

Margie

*This article is my explanation. I hope it makes sense to you. I know a true tea processor would undoubtedly find fault.

Attention! I will be placing an order on Friday, September 2nd. If you are interested in ordering, please contact Margie at 503-538-5501 or mjlemaster@frontier.com



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 for David Chris as he recovers from hand surgery. May God send him strength and complete recovery.

 Please pray for Bob and Libbi Hamilton’s granddaughter, Juliette, who is recovering from heart surgery. We ask that God send strength and peace to the family and a complete recovery for Juliette.



Where Do I Hang My Church Hat?

By Di Murphy, Deacon

This might be an outdated question since few of us wear hats to church these days and at least the women who used to wear them kept them firmly ensconced on their heads. Maybe a better question is "How can I connect at Newberg FPC in ways that fit well with God's calling on my life and my abilities" With that question in mind, I decided to try and describe some of the leadership opportunities that FPC offers and include who currently participates in these areas of service.

Music: Pat Goodman and Choir

Worship Song Leaders: Chris Murphy, Lish Mannerter, David and Esther Chris

Adult Education: Bruce Murphy, Mary Kalesse, Gene Dykema

Equal Exchange Coffee, Tea and Chocolate: Margi LeMaster

Deacons: Paula Buck, Jen Henry, Judy Landis, Di Murphy

Elders: Lory Albright, Bob Andrews, Lish Mannerter, Tom Greenbaum, Chuck Zickefoose, Corinne Waterbury, Lynne Patrick, Gary Buck, and Mary Kalesse

CAYAC (College and Young Adult Community): Chris & Karen Murphy, Elise Prayzich

Bike Ministry: Elise Prayzich, Lois MacLean

Childcare: Miriam Staples

Children & Youth Programs: Rosemary Dykema, Mary Kalesse, Angela Spohn

Finance: Bob Andrews, Doug King, Margi LeMaster,

Personnel: Lory Albright, Lynne Patrick, Corinne Waterbury, Susan King

Finance and Facilities: Doug and Susan King, Sylvia Burns, Chuck Zickefoose, Gary Buck, Bob Andrews, Anthony Stevens

Mission: Lory Albright, Chuck Zickefoose, Elise Prayzich, Chris Murphy

Newberg Peace Garden: Ciaran Hynes, Sylvia Burns

Prayer Retreats: Chris Murphy, Mindi Hynes, Kristen Sandoz

Worship, Music, Media, and Technology: Lynne Patrick, Mary Kalesse, Lish Mannerter, Pat Goodman, Gary Buck, Chris Murphy

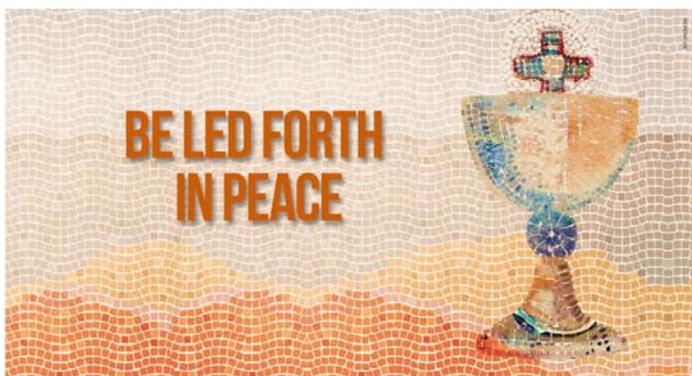
Men's Breakfast: Chris Murphy

Space for Grace: Mary Kalesse

Sunday Morning Technology Support: Gary Buck, Paula Buck, Jen Henry, Tim Olmstead

Special thank you to all our volunteers. By providing this list, we wish to highlight all the good support that is provided for ministry by our church members and attenders. This list also is a reminder that we always have ways to get involved. If you are interested in serving on any of these teams, please let the church office or Pastor Chris know and we will find a great place for you to use your gifts and "hang your hat" for the mission of Christ here at FPC.





LOOKING AHEAD!

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS
“God Spreads a Table of Peace Before Us”
Sunday, October 2, 2022

On Sunday, October 2, we will be Celebrating World Communion Sunday, and upon that occasion we will be accepting a special offering, designated by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as the Peace and Global Witness Offering. We are invited to retain 25% for Peacemaking close to home. Once again, Henderson House, a shelter for women and their children fleeing domestic violence, will be our recipient.

The remainder of your gifts are sent on for Peace and Global Witness Programs of our Presbytery and General Assembly.

We, who enjoy so much peace in our lives compared with much of the rest of the world, have the opportunity, with this offering, to share some of our good fortune to help calm troubled peoples around the world. You may use the designated envelopes for this Offering found in the pews as the first Sunday of October approaches – but, of course, any Sunday surrounding the first Sunday is just fine

Thank You!

The Mission and Global Witness Committee



Summer Gathering!

The ladies from Space for Grace gathered at Paula Buck's place on Tuesday August 23rd and brought their packed lunches and visited and had a great time! It was perfect weather!

The Fall Season of Space for Grace will begin on September 9th. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 10:00 am on the second and fourth Fridays of the month.

This Fall we will be using the story of disciples on the Emmaus Road as our guide for discussion. And as always we will be sharing life with each other through telling our stories, offering each other the space for grace we need, and praying for one another.

Please join us as we walk the road of life together!



Children's Worship Returns!

Come join us for special times of praise, joy, and learning about God!

Children's Worship will begin again September 11th. As before, children will begin worship with their family in the sanctuary. Before the scripture and sermon they will be invited, with their teacher, to go to their classroom in the Education building.

Adults: You are invited to volunteer your gifts as a leader or helper in Children's Worship which meets on Sunday mornings during the sermon.

Please contact Rosemary Dykema (503-713-3682) or Mary Kalesse (503-709-3292) to serve or for more information.

Pie Social

The Deacons will be hosting a Pie Social on September 10th from 6:00-7:30 pm as a way to thank the first responders who take care of our community so well. Please join us as we welcome all first responders for free pie as a way to say "Thank you for your service."



Bob Ross Paint Party!



On August 5th, our church held a youth and family event - Paint Night at Church. Many showed up and all of them turned out to be fantastic artists!

As you can see in the pictures, it was a busy, fun-filled evening. Keep an eye out for future youth and family events, where we can gather as a loving community, making new friends, laughing and having fun together!





Our Church Community: Get Involved!



Adult Spiritual Formation class is held at 9:00 am every Sunday. Class will resume on Sunday, September 11th and is held in the Fellowship Hall, which allows for social distancing. Masks are optional. We're looking forward to another year of great learning and fellowship. See you soon!



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, you may contact Lois McLean or Elise Prayzich (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!

CAYAC

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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 would like to join up with this amazing group, or if you know of any college students or other young adults who would be interested in participating.

This year CAYAC will meet on the first Monday of October, at 5:30 pm. The regular meeting schedule will be established at that time.

Please be in prayer for our young adults as they navigate the challenges of balancing school, work, and other responsibilities.



Space for Grace Women's Fellowship

Space for Grace meets the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at 10:00 am. Our times together include practical reflections on scripture, sharing of life, and prayer. All women are invited to join this group to enjoy the fellowship and friendship of women in a safe and supportive place. For more information call Mary Kalesse (503-644-5502) We're looking forward to meeting you!



Chair Yoga

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Chair Yoga class is held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in joining this restorative class, 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!



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.



September 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>			<p>August 31</p> <p>7:00 pm- Choir Practice</p>	<p>1 8:00 am- Men's Breakfast 10:00 am- Deacon's mtg.</p>	<p>2 9:00-12:30 pm- First Friday Prayer Retreat</p> 	3
<p>4 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service</p> 	5	6	<p>7 9:00-1:00- Bike Ministry</p> <p>7:00 pm- Choir Practice</p>	8	<p>9 10:00 am- Space for Grace women's group</p>	<p>10 6:00-7:30 pm- In-person First Responder Pie Social</p>
<p>11 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service Choir sings</p> 	12	<p>13 6:30 pm- Session meeting</p>	<p>14 George Fox Serve Day</p> <p>7:00 pm- Choir Practice</p>	<p>15 8:00 am- Men's Breakfast</p>	<p>16 Pew News articles & schedules due today!</p>	17
<p>18 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service</p> 	19	20	<p>21 9:00-1:00- Bike Ministry</p> <p>7:00 pm- Choir Practice</p>	22	<p>23 10:00 am- Space for Grace women's group</p>	24
<p>25 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service Choir Sings</p> 	26	27	<p>28 7:00 pm- Choir Practice</p>	29	30	



THIS IS THE
Day
 THAT THE
LORD
 Has made,
 SO LET US
rejoice
 and
Be GLAD in it.

Birthdays

- 1- Gene Dykema
- 5- Tim Olmstead
- 6- Karen Black
- 13- Chris Murphy
- 19- Jacob Godshalk
- 24- Rosemary Dykema
- 25- Harriet Fowler
- 25- Ed Godshalk



Anniversaries

- 1- Glenn & Darolen Sorum
- 2- Susan & Doug King
- 8- Karen & Chris Murphy
- 9- Lory & Don Albright

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9-13-22 6:30 pm Session Meeting
Pastor Chris Murphy may be reached at his
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