

Newberg First Presbyterian Church

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PEW NEWS



**“Celebrating Our
Mission and Identity
in Christ”**



Session Meeting
September 13, 2022

Greetings in Christ,

Our September Session meeting opened with Bob Andrews for leading our opening devotion followed by the glorious sharing of faith journeys of five dear brothers and sisters who are excited to join our church family: David Chris, Esther Chris, Ciarán Hynes, Mindi Hynes, and Cate Murphy. Deep appreciation to Bob Andrews for leading our opening devotion as I had fallen asleep in my chair at home and was 15 minutes late to our meeting. God knew that I needed that short power nap.

Our session is excited about the George Fox University student volunteers who helped the Peace Garden take shape this Wednesday, September 14, for Serve Day. A new refrigerator was purchased by anonymous donor to be delivered on Thursday, September 15th, as the old one stopped cooling. We praise God for the generosity and timeliness of this donation to the Fellowship Hall kitchen.

Session approved a \$1,000. College Scholarship for Justice Sandoz from our Au Scholarship Fund, Karen Murphy's use of the Fellowship Hall on October 17th, and the hiring of part time Assistant Childcare Providers, Sandra Fish and Lewis Thurston who will be alternating supporting Miriam Staples.

Session approved the Treasurer's Report with August contributions totaling \$17,149. which was an increase from July's \$9,280, thanks be to God. Session discussed the process of installing Pastor Chris Murphy as our full-time installed minister and voted to begin the steps to install him through our Presbytery's lengthy process. Presbytery is our denominations central ruling "office" (kind of like a spiritual and financial legislature.) It is exciting to see the Spirit working in our church and a blessing to have Chris Murphy leading us on this journey.

THE PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS SPECIAL OFFERING

The Sundays Surrounding October 2.

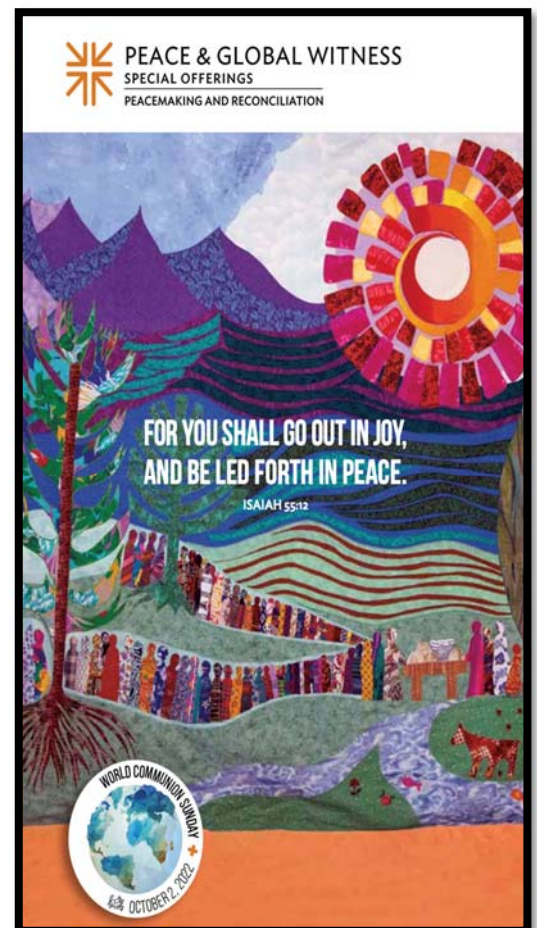
"God Spreads a Table of Peace Before Us"



There are four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA); the Peace and Global Witness Offering is one of these four. Received to celebrate World Communion Sunday, the first Sunday in October, it supports the peacemaking work of the Church at every level, and provides an opportunity to witness to God's Peace-giving in the world. We are called to be agents of reconciliation for individuals, families and communities at home and internationally.

Each congregation is encouraged to retain 25% of this offering for its own Peacemaking efforts. Our Mission and Global Witness Committee, with Session's approval, has decided that, on the behalf of First Presbyterian Church, our 25% will again be presented to Henderson House, a Safe House for women and children fleeing domestic violence. Of the remainder, 25% will be used to support Presbytery and Synod Peacemaking, and 50% will be forwarded to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program of the General Assembly (the national level of PC(USA)). You may visit www.pcusa.org to learn more.

We, who enjoy so much peace in our lives compared to so much of the rest of the world, have an opportunity with this offering, to share a portion of our good fortune with others in great need. We hope you will wish to participate! You may use a Peace and Global Witness Offering envelope found in the pews beginning in mid-September, or simply denote Peace Offering on any envelope, and on the memo line of your check. Thank you so much!



Blessings,

The Mission and Global Witness Committee



From Mission Partner
Caroline Kurtz



There are several hundred dollars still left in the match I offered for a "back to school solar lantern" fundraiser. Each lantern costs \$35. Kids are already back to school in Ethiopia; the school year started on September 18th.



← See how dark Africa is, seen from space at night? Millions of people have no electricity. We can't help everyone, but we can help another 200 families in Maji!

Let's Cap off Our Summer Fundraiser

There are some matching funds left!

In February, MDC distributed 150 solar lanterns to poor students in Maji town so they can do homework. This will give them a chance to become the teachers, nurses, and community leaders Maji needs. We have 500 more on order.

Solar lanterns last 5-8 years, half as long as solar home lighting kits. But don't you think there are ambitious and inspired young students in rural Maji District who could make it over the top with a solar lantern for homework in the evening? We have time to finish off the summer with a bang and support students in rural Maji District with solar lanterns. Thank you for caring!



Give Serve



Attend Grow

Stewardship

His Work Through Our Hands – Stewardship Season 2023

Now is the time for the beginning of our annual stewardship season. Your generous gifts of money, time and dedication to First Presbyterian Church will ensure that we can successfully fulfill God's calling of us in the coming year. While you are prayerfully considering your giving for 2023, please take a moment to think about all the things our church does toward the continuation of God's work. Please continue to pray for the ministries we share through this congregation.

As we make our way toward Generosity Sunday, you will soon receive the Stewardship letter containing the Pledge Card for 2023. You may mail in your card using the enclosed addressed envelope. Or, you may present your pledge on Generosity Sunday, November 6th, as we celebrate our faith to the One who gives us so much.



...Freely you have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:8

It's CHOCOLATE TIME AGAIN!

My October order to Equal Exchange will again offer chocolate. Those who are already "hooked" on delicious EE chocolate bars can restock and others can join. During the month I plan, on several Sundays, to have samples to taste.

This year EE is celebrating twenty years of its chocolate program. One might call it their 20th "Chocoversary". When I began selling EE products in 2002, I had two products, coffee and tea. The first chocolate product, Hot Cocoa Mix, was introduced soon after. The sources were from farmer owned cooperatives: cacao from Dominican Republic, sugar from Paraguay, and dairy from the USA (Organic Valley). Next came baking cocoa in 2003 and in 2006, the first three chocolate bars, Organic Very Dark, Almond Dark and Milk Chocolate. In 2008 the bestselling bar was introduced, Organic Panama Extra Dark Chocolate, my favorite. A more recent chocolate product is Organic Chocolate Chips.

Today there are eleven varieties of bars, chocolate minis, hot cocoa mixes, baking chocolates, and chocolate chips. The EE cacao is sourced from four different countries: Peru, Panama, Dominican Republic, and Togo. I do not have an extensive enough clientele to have an inventory of all products. Except for the mini at 25 cents per piece, all orders must be by the case. I am hopeful that interest in EE products will increase to the point where a few of the popular bars can be sold separately. A case has 12 bars therefore I need 12 buyers for the same variety. Stop by the Coffee Cart, have a taste and tell me what you like!



Margie



Newberg First Presbyterian Church is sponsoring a holiday bazaar where vendors will be selling a wide variety of gift items. The vendors will each be renting table space within our church facility with proceeds going to the Spruce It Up Committee and Deacons Fund. Snacks and lunch will be available for purchase throughout the day as well.

The Deacons will be hosting a table displaying donated items that are likely to bring a good price. Unlike the rummage sale, church members will be invited to bring their donations to the church the day of the sale (or the week before), price the items themselves, designating if the price is negotiable or not and then pick up the items, if they do not sell, on Sunday following the Bazaar. We hope you will save the date and consider bringing one or two items of value to the bazaar.

Get ready for a wonderful

Holiday Bazaar

**Saturday December 3rd
10 Am to 5 PM**

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Serve Day Success!

We were blessed to welcome 17 students and members of the George Fox staff on Wednesday, Sept. 14th for Serve Day. They helped us build the labyrinth for our Newberg Peace Garden. Special thanks to George Fox, Ciaran Hynes, and all of our church family that helped make this day a great success!





Harriet Fowler Celebrates 104th Birthday!

We praise God for the blessing of Harriet Fowler. Members of our church family were able to celebrate her 104th birthday with her family on September 25th. Best wishes to you, Harriet!



Thank You First Responders!!



Special thank you to all the deacons and the folks that brought pies for our annual Pie Social honoring the first responders of Newberg. We were blessed to welcome 15 first responders (five police officers and 10 firefighters) and a number of our church community to a fun night of conversation and enjoyment of tasty pies.





Our Church Community: Get Involved!

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 murphycb@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.



Sunday Morning
Adult Study

Adult Spiritual Formation class is held at 9:00 am every Sunday. Class is held in the Fellowship Hall, which allows for social distancing. Masks are optional. This season we are exploring the different Christian tradition streams drawing from the writing of Richard Foster. Teachers this fall will include Bruce and Di Murphy, Karen and Chris Murphy, Gene Dykema, and others.



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!

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!



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 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!



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.

October 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
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

10-11-22 6:30 pm Session Meeting
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or by calling the church office at 503-538-3313

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