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PEW NEWS



Happy New Year!



*From the Reverend Chris Murphy—
Happy New Year 2023*

I enjoy New Year's resolutions. I like the positive focus that resolutions bring to our lives. I think new beginnings are exciting! But I know what you might be thinking. Resolutions do not last. Why join a gym if you might stop going? Why change your eating habits if the sweets will eventually call your name? Better to enter the New Year with a more sober honest take about what might happen. Better to dream small than be disappointed with unmet resolutions.

Maybe you are right. Resolutions rarely last, but the habit of dreaming big and hoping for great things is a good one. I would rather dream big than not dream at all. What are your resolutions this year? What are your hopes and dreams?

My biggest dream for my life and my hope for our church is health. Health and wholeness seem like good goals as we enter the new year. Maybe that does not sound like such a lofty dream, but I am learning that a healthy church is the key for growth and mission. A healthy person can love more effectively and pursue personal gifts and interests. What does health look like?

A healthy person and church share similar characteristics. A healthy person is active but not overly tired or burdened. A healthy person gets plenty of sleep, exercise, and social engagement. A healthy person contributes to society by caring for the vulnerable, and by being a good steward of the earth's resources. Healthy people are creative and fun. They are good listeners, kind, and compassionate. Healthy people are gracious to themselves and others. Not overly guilt ridden or burdened, humble but maintaining a positive sense of self.

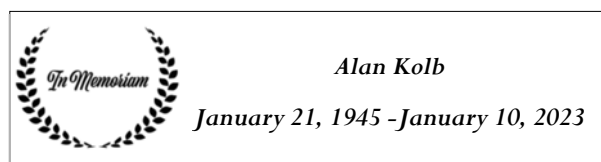
And what is the best way to be healthy from a spiritual standpoint. Remember everything in life is spiritual. Our physical bodies, emotional health, and spiritual connection with God are all connected. To be healthy we are invited to a life of prayer, personal reflection, deep relationships, work, and service on behalf of others. As the Church, our common mission is to spread the love and light of Jesus with the world, especially those who feel lost and forgotten. Let us commit ourselves to the common resolution of health in the New Year. Health will help us thrive. Let us pray for health and recommit ourselves to this goal.



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 keep Shirley Kolb and her family in your prayers. Alan passed away in the early hours of January 10th. May God send his peace and comfort to the family and all who knew Alan.



Please keep our mission partners Erik and Maureen (Au) York in your prayers. Erik's mom passed away on December 31st.



Di Murphy's sister, Donna Steese, is experiencing some health problems. We ask for prayers of healing, comfort, and grace for Donna at this time.



Please pray for Reid and Nancy Thurston, as they have come down with walking pneumonia. May God give them grace and complete healing at this time.



Session Meeting
December 13, 2022
6:30 pm

Greetings in Christ,

Our December Session meeting was joyful with Lish Mannetter reminding us of how important it is to take time to be refueled by spending quiet time with God.

We celebrated the participation in, and income, from the Christmas Bazaar, with total earnings listed as \$1200.00.

Session is also excited to welcome David Chris as our church intern for this winter through our Thriving Congregation Grant. We also appreciate Mariam Legome, who is helping support our children's ministry and facilitating an event at George Fox University to focus on the importance of mental health awareness.

We are grateful to God for our church's Capital Campaign blessing the ministries and property of our church and our growing church membership. Can't thank Doug and Susan King enough for helping keep our finances shipshape in this time of expansion.

We praise God for our amazing choir, tech, and worship leaders and the new electric piano purchased this past month. Thank you all for being God's hands and feet spreading faith, hope, and love wherever you go.

Peace of Christ,
Lory Albright, Clerk of Session

*Christmas
Joy
Offering*



CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

THANK YOU!!

It is with pleasure that we announce our congregations' donations this year to the Christmas Joy Offering!

We are pleased to let you know that the almost \$700 will be sent to General Assembly for our collective mission supporting racial and ethnic schools throughout the United States, and caring for pastors and their families who may find themselves in need due to an extraordinary financial circumstances.

We thank and bless our congregation who always responds so generously!

The Mission and Global Witness Committee



WHAT A YEAR!

With appreciation the EE farmer partners, and I thank you for your support of the Presbyterian Coffee Project.

By our collective purchase of Equal Exchange products, we support:

- The authentic Fair-Trade movement- working directly with small-scale producers to give stability and greater value to their products.
- Farmer owner cooperatives- putting democracy and business skills into practice.
- The development of an alternative supply chain for coffee, tea, and cocoa.
- Programs that promote gender equity, women's leadership training and other social initiatives that empower women.

From my slim knowledge of economic principles and through travel, I truly believe the following:

There is no peace without economic opportunity.

Margie



From our Treasurer, Doug King....

Seasons Greetings! I thought I would take a few minutes to provide a list to the congregation regarding offerings that have been set up to accept donations. In many of these cases, these opportunities have been in place for many years. In some cases, they are relatively new (within the last year or so). Either way, we have lots of options to choose from when supporting the work of the church. If you find a specific project or topic is not currently listed, please reach out to Susan King or Doug King to see about setting something up. Thanks!

Fund #	Description	Summary
4110	COMMITMENT (Pledge)	Used for general fund pledges
4111	CONTRIBUTION (No Pledge)	Used for regular givers, but non-pledge
4112	PLATE OFFERING	Used for occasional contributors
4113	PER CAPITA	Sent to pay PCUSA church tithe
4114	Non-Monetary Contribution	Used for donations of items and services
4211	CAYAC Program	Used for College and Young Adult activities
4216	Capital Campaign - General Inc	Used for Capital Campaign contributions
4412	General Scholarship Fund	Used for college scholarships for local applicants
4415	One Great Hour of Sharing	Sent to OGHS at Presbytery
4416	Peace & Global Witness	75% goes to PCUSA and 25% remains local
4417	Christmas Joy Offering	Sent to Christmas Joy at Presbytery
4418	Other Special Offerings	Used for collections of one-off special offerings
4420	Henderson House	Sent to Henderson House for domestic violence
4421	Deacons - Contributions	Used for general Deacons contributions
4422	Newberg Fish	Sent to Newberg FISH organization
4430	Campus Crusade Ministry	Sent to Campus Crusade organization
4432	Tierra Nueva	Sent to Tierra Nueva organization
4433	Maji Dev Coalition	Sent to Caroline Kurtz and the Maji people
4434	General Mission Project Inc	Used for one-off mission projects
4435	Wycliffe Translators	Sent to Wycliffe Bible Translation organization
4436	PFF - Frontier Fellowship	Sent to Frontier Fellowship organization
4441	Facilities Projects	Used to fund facilities and landscape projects
4445	Spruce It Up	Used to fund building refurbishment projects
4446	Peace Garden Income	Used to fund the Peace Garden
4534	Au Scholarship Memorial	Used for college scholarships for local applicants

Dennis Littlefield, Director of Camp Tilikum, sent out a letter recently, asking for prayers to meet some of the challenges the camp has been facing recently. He writes:

Staffing issues have been common for many businesses and ministries. We were not able to hire enough staff (20+) to run the majority of the summer camp programs for 2022. The most important prayer topic is finding summer staff for 2023! We do the hiring in January and February. The basic information is listed below. Can you help spread the word about hiring staff at your church, school, relatives and friends?

Camp Tilikum is looking for college-age (18-25+) people who love Jesus and love kids! The hiring process occurs during January and February.

This 10-week season is from May 30 - August 6, 2023. The schedule is normally Monday to Friday, from 7:30 am to 5 pm. Please share this post to help spread the word to others who may be interested! To apply, click here:

<https://camptilikum.org/employment-at-tilikum/college-summer-staff/>



Pay and benefits include:

First year staff - \$5,000

Lifeguards - \$5,200

Support Staff - \$6,700

Housing is provided at George Fox University (a \$2,000 value).



News from Mission Partners Brian and Julie



Dear partners,

Happy and blessed New Year to each of you!

We had an eventful driving trip to Oregon for Christmas – largely because of the ice storm we encountered. But we got home safely in the end, and we had a wonderful time with family (it had been 31 years since we had spent Christmas in Oregon) and got to see a few friends. We are very thankful for the opportunity we had to make those connections.

We have a quick turnaround, and we are leaving for Israel tomorrow. (I just printed our boarding passes.) We have a 2-week course for translators on the culture and geography of the Holy Land. It will be different than many tours, since the focus will be on learning what is most important for translation. This will be our first time in Israel, and we are excited. Pray we will learn well what the Lord has for us. After the course, we will be staying for another week for some vacation (and exploring on our own).

Please pray for the trip. We have a direct flight (14 hours going, 15½ coming back), and there is a 10-hour time difference, but we will hit the ground running. Pray for health and stamina and safety. Pray for strength for Julie whose heart and lungs are not used to hikes and climbs like we will have on our outings.

The translator Brian has been working with for the last 5 years will also be there with his wife, and as far as we know there will be 6 other people taking the course. The language of instruction will be Russian, so please pray for us to catch everything we need! Besides asking for the success of the course itself, please ask the Lord that we all would know Him in a deeper way.

Thank you, and Shalom!
Brian and Julie

MDC board and staff send their sincere wishes for joy and peace in the new year. I know when my external world is disrupted, I have trouble keeping my internal world in good order (emotions, decision making, sleep, etc.). That's why I wish peace for you in the new year! We may continue to face new realities--commentators are saying our old normal is gone forever. May we all become more and more resilient.

Meet Ato Yonas!

Ato Yonas crunches numbers! He sends me the engineering calculations for solar and water projects and recommends the equipment. In the photo above, he is holding a shiny new pump for the well in Maji town. We laughed together when he unpacked it and water dripped out--German water came to Maji!

He got a master's degree in mechanical and electrical engineering in Ethiopia and Master in Development Practice online from Regis University in Denver--he used his experience with MDC in Maji as the subject for his thesis! He and Ato Samson together created the curriculum for solar classes in Ethiopia's technical schools. Ato Yonas says that his hobbies are "watching films and news, fixing things at home (cutting, soldering, screwing... sometimes damaging!)"

Ato Yonas has installed hundreds of solar units for rural Ethiopians, plus solar-powered water systems in difficult to reach corners of the country. Here's what he says about working with MDC. "I like MDC because of its holistic approach. In Maji, we work together to provide solar home systems for rural houses, but MDC understands that only solar home systems alone can not solve some of the serious energy issues that the community faces. Hence, with MDC we were able to provide solar water pumping for Maji town as well as solar solutions for Maji hospital. I like also the way MDC engages the community and regional public institutions in all the projects. This has been key in the success of the projects."

It's wonderful to work with Ethiopian professionals whose individual and business missions match MDC's so well. Join me in sending US New Year's greetings to Ato Yonas, Ato Samson and Ato Markos!

From Mission Partner
Caroline Kurtz





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 each month, at 6:00 pm.

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 holding

wonderful classes taught by a great group of regulars, including Chuck Zickefoose, Mary Kalesse, Di Murphy, Kristin Sandoz, and Gene and Rosemary Dykema. Come join us for these interesting and insightful classes!



Men's Fellowship 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 11:00 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 (503-709-3292.) 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!



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!

Chair Yoga is



Chair Yoga

on hiatus

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

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.

January 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service  	2	3	4 9:00- Bike Ministry 7:00 pm- Choir Practice	5 8:00 am- Men's Fellowship	 First Friday Prayer Retreat	7
8 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service Choir sings 	9 6:00 pm- CAYAC meets at the Murphy's home	10 6:30 pm- Session meeting	11 7:00 pm- Choir Practice	12	13 11:00 am- Space for Grace women's group	14
15 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service 	 16 5:30 pm- Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration at Chehalem Cultural Center	17 Pew News articles & schedules due today!	18 9:00- Bike Ministry 7:00 pm- Choir Practice	19 8:00 am- Men's Fellowship	20	21
22 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service Choir sings 	23	24	25 7:00 pm- Choir Practice	26	27 11:00 am - Space for Grace Women's group	28
29 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service 	30	31	Adult Education class meets each Sunday at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Children's Worship happens each Sunday. Children will leave Worship right before the sermon and join their teacher for fun and learning!			

Birthdays

4- Chuck Zickefoose
 6- Joe Sarnacki
 10- Mary Kalesse
 21- Alan Kolb
 26- Eric Swehla
 27- David Chris
 31- Bob Andrews



Anniversaries

6 – Bob & Libbi Hamilton
 25 – Bob & Sylvia Burns

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1-10-23 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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