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PEW NEWS



Summer Pilgrimage with Jesus!



From the Reverend Chris Murphy—

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The Summer Season is almost here, and we are all grateful for the returning sun and the joy of flowers and other expressions of new life. This Summer we will have a special sermon series on Pilgrimage with Jesus as we embrace the new life offered to us in Christ.

What is a pilgrimage? A pilgrimage is a journey to a sacred place as an act of devotion to God and for the purpose of spiritual growth and deeper relationship with God, self, and others. For centuries Christians and other faiths have participated in pilgrimages to spiritual sites like the Holy land. Popular pilgrimage sites today include Jerusalem, the Camino De Santiago in Spain, and the Island of Iona in Scotland.

This summer my family will be on a pilgrimage/vacation to Ireland, Norway, and England from June 12th to June 30th. What will make our trip a pilgrimage will be our heart of exploring these places with a desire to grow in our relationship with God, ourselves, and one another. When I return from our trip, I will share about our experiences and how God met us.

I encourage all of us to experience the summer as a pilgrimage with Jesus as we reflect on stories of Jesus and other Scriptures that invite us to deepen our intimacy with God. Mary Kalesse and a couple other guests will be joining me in preaching this summer. It will be a rich time for us to experience God's love together.

Remember in any spiritual pilgrimage we experience deep reflection, prayer, and also times of rest, renewal, and joyful fun. I consider fun to be one of my most important spiritual practices. I encourage you to make time for rest, refreshment, and fun this summer as you take your own vacations and make time for carefree activities with friends and family. Our church family will be enjoying All Church Picnics after worship on the first Sunday of June, July, and August. Please plan to attend and bring your own picnic lunches, utensils, and chairs. We will meet on the lawn. We look forward to a restful and refreshing summer as we journey with Jesus together.

P.S.- I encourage you to also enjoy our Newberg Peace Garden this summer, including the use of our labyrinth. Walking a labyrinth is one way to experience a type of pilgrimage without traveling to a distant location. Just walk slowly and bring your prayers, sorrows, and dreams before God and see how God meets you on the path.



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 continued prayers for Bobby Stiehler, the brother of Nancy Thurston and the uncle of Tom Greenbaum, as he recovers from a serious surgery. Please pray fervently for Bobby's body to respond well to surgery and that God will bring him full healing.



Please pray for Mary Harwood and the Harwood family as they mourn the passing of Mary's mother, Kitty.



Please continue to pray for Ron Parrish and the Parrish family following the passing of Ron's sister, Edith.



*Do not be anxious
ABOUT ANYTHING,
but in every situation,
BY PRAYER AND PETITION,
with thanksgiving
PRESENT YOUR REQUESTS TO God.
And the peace of God,
WHICH TRANSCENDS ALL
understanding,
WILL GUARD YOUR hearts
AND minds IN Christ Jesus.*

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7



Session Meeting
May 9, 2023
6:30 pm

Call to order

Roll call, quorum, with Pastor Chris, Gary, Bob, Mary, Lory, Tom and Kim present

Pastor's report, highlights: Attended Presbytery meeting, graveside service for Edith Parrish, led Deacons and Session Retreat at on April 29th. Pastor Chris reminded us that he will be on vacation from June 12th to June 30th.

Clerk's report:

MSC to accept Kim as new Clerk of Session.

Committee reports:

MSC to delegate to the children's worship team to decide the age at which we give children a Bible, and to do this by June 4. Pay for this from the "Christian Education/Children and Youth Fund".

MSC for church to have a BYO picnic after church on first Sunday of the month for June, July, and August.
MSC to accept the treasurer's report.

MSC to approve additional vacation days of July 23, Aug 8 and 9, and Aug 27 for the pastor.

New business – from the retreat, we want a small team to focus on making sure we move forward with the high priority and near term items. We also need to think about marketing these ideas.

Suggestion: Get a sandwich board to advertise our monthly prayer retreats.

Next meeting: June 6th, with devotion by Bob Andrews.

Adjournment and closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Godshalk, Clerk of Session

***MSC=motioned, seconded, carried**

Henderson House Donations

In March, the Deacons held a clothing and necessities drive to benefit Henderson House. Henderson House is a shelter for women in McMinnville, Oregon that provides culturally aware outreach, education, and services such as shelter, to women who are victims of domestic and sexual violence. This is accomplished through leadership, hope and respect for thriving families. Donations of household goods, clothing, and toiletries go directly to meet the needs of these clients and their children.

Thank you so much to everyone who donated goods to support these families in need. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Items given included many toiletries, diapers, clothing and shoes. Your gifts will help ensure life-saving resources are available for survivors of abuse in Yamhill County.



Doris Thorne Feenstra was born March 18, 1923 to Elmer and Florence (Mills) Thorne in Springbrook, OR. She graduated grade 8 at Springbrook School and attended Newberg High School.

In 1938 she married Norris Clark. They had five children, Kaye, Linda, Margie, Becky and Richard.

In 1964 she married Ted Feenstra and added his five girls to her family: Marlys, Theora, Betty, Sharon, and Carol. Doris spent her working years in accounting, including her job at George Fox University.

She went to meet her Lord on March 20, 2023. At her request, no service will be held.



Brian and Julie O. Mission Partners



What do Brian and Julie do?

Theological scholars have long been preoccupied with interpreting the meanings of various passages in the Bible. In fact, because of the sacred status of the Bible in both Judaism and Christianity, biblical interpretation has played a crucial role in both of those religions throughout their histories. English speakers have used the word exegesis—a descendant of the Greek term *exēgeisthai*, meaning "to explain" or "to interpret"—to refer to explanations of Scripture since the early 17th century. In short, Brian and Julie perform exegesis and direct exegetes.

SIL is a global, faith-based nonprofit that works with local communities around the world to develop language solutions that expand possibilities for a better life. SIL's core contribution areas are Bible translation, literacy, education, development, linguistic research and language tools.

We are eager for the day when all people enjoy equal access to education, to socio-economic opportunities, and to resources for spiritual growth - no matter what language they speak or sign.

Brian and Julie have been our Mission Partners for a number of years and give us monthly updates on their translation activities.

Here is the latest letter from Brian and Julie:

Dear Partners,

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. We are so excited about Luke-Acts being published soon! Please pray that the process would be without hiccups.

We recently enjoyed Resurrection Sunday with one supporting church (Arcadia); then speaking and being prayed for in another supporting church (our local one – Grace); followed by a fantastic weekend sharing about our lives and work and God's Word with yet a third (High Street)! If you were there, I hope we connected. If you are part of our two Oregon churches, we will be at West Hills June 18th and hope to see you there! And we will have a special Wednesday evening opportunity to meet with our friends in the Newberg church at 6pm on the 21st. We feel abundantly blessed by God and by you, our sending, praying partners in this work. Thank you for all your love, prayers and financial undergirding!

We continue to be well and plugging along. An updated prayer letter is being approved today and should get out tomorrow, if all goes well.

Brian met this morning online with yet another prospective potential exegete to join our translation team. Please pray that if he is God's choice for this role, it would be clear to everyone concerned.

The translator working on Mark is learning lots of terminology for spiritual and intangible and biblical ideas lately, and it is a slow process but wonderful to see her understand in her language. For example, what is the difference between a law, precept, statute and command? (Even in English, we have trouble defining those!) When is a sacrifice an offering, or vice versa, and what is the difference? What exactly is the greatest commandment, and how do you translate heart, soul, mind and strength when they overlap in meaning? These are some of the questions Brian discusses as they work through passages.

The goal is to finish Mark and send it to field testing by June. Please pray for that. In mid-June we will travel to Oregon for 2½ weeks to see partners and spend time with Julie's family (Kevin's family is going too, so we will have more grandparenting time!

We will catch you up with our progress sometime in July.

Blessings in the Risen Lord!

Julie and Brian

OPEN HOUSE!

Brian O. and wife Julie, International Linguistics employees of SIL (a Wycliffe Bible Translators associate) are two of our Mission Partners and will be visiting our church on June 21 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. There will be an open house for them in the Fellowship Hall and they will be displaying materials from their translation work. Julie, Brian's wife, is Lory Albright's sister and Carol Swehla's daughter.

The EE Coffee Cart is restocked with an extensive inventory of chocolate. There are 9 varieties of bars, 2 varieties minis bars, hot cocoa mix and semi-chocolate chips for sale. Stop by and choose what's special to you.

The cacao farmers and I
THANK YOU!

Equal Exchange has also published a bulletin you may find interesting. To read more about ethically produced chocolate, please click [here](#). Paper copies of this bulletin can also be found in the Fellowship Hall. Pick one up while you're enjoying coffee after church!



Our Church Life



The Murphy family hosted a Youth and Family Barbecue at their home on Sunday, May 21st. Everyone enjoyed good food, conversation, and fun activities! Stay tuned for more Youth and Family events this summer.:



Church Picnic



When: Sunday, June 4th after worship!

This summer our church will hold an all-church picnic on the first Sunday of June, July and August. Come join us after worship on the church lawn for a relaxing picnic. Please bring your own lunch, drinks, chairs, and picnic blanket. Lunch can be stored in coolers or in our Fellowship Hall refrigerators prior to worship. This will be a great time to connect with one another and enjoy the beauty of our church campus!

FOR WHERE
two or three
GATHER
IN MY NAME
I am with them
MATTHEW 18:20



Our Church Community: Get Involved!



Sunday Morning
Adult Study

Adult Education class will be on summer break after June 4th. 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 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!



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



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 murphycb@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

Space for Grace Women's Fellowship

After June 9th, 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

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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!



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.

June 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Adult Education and Children's Worship are both on summer break. See you in the fall!</p>				1 8:00 am- Men's Fellowship	2 9:00 am- First Friday Prayer Retreat 	3
4 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service <i>Church Picnic</i>	5	6 3:00 pm- Worship Committee meeting 6:30 pm- Session meeting	7 9:00 am- Bike Ministry 7:00 pm- Choir Practice	8	9 11:00 am - Space for Grace Women's group	10
11 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service Choir sings 	12	13	14 10:00 am- Deacons meeting 7:00 pm- Choir Practice <i>Taize Parking</i>	15 8:00 am- Men's Fellowship 6:30 pm- Finance & Facilities meeting	16 3:30 pm- Mission Committee meeting	17
18 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service <i>Father's Day</i> 	19	20	21 9:00 am- Bike Ministry 6:00-8:00 pm- Open House for Brian & Julie O. 7:00 pm- Choir Practice	22	23	24
25 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service Choir sings 	26	27	28 7:00 pm- Choir Practice	29	30	

Birthdays

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



Upcoming Events

5-28-23 - Pentecost Sunday: Pentecost Sunday is our chance to pause and celebrate the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles, causing them to speak in tongues. The main sign of Pentecost in our church is the wearing of the color red. It symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. So **wear red** to church this day!

6-4-23 - First Sunday All-Church Picnic: Come join us for fun and fellowship after church. Don't forget to bring lawn chairs or blankets and maybe some outdoor games along with your food, beverages and dishes. Let's have some fun!

6-21-23 - Open House for Brian & Julie O from 6:00-8:00 pm. Come meet our mission partners from SIL!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

6-6-23 6:30 pm Session Meeting
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