



Newberg First Presbyterian Church
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PEW NEWS

A message from Pastor Chris

Celebrating a Celtic Lent and Easter

I hope you are enjoying our second season of Lent and Easter with a Celtic style. As you likely know, we are basing our sermon series this Lent on the book by John Philip Newell, *The Rebirthing of God*. A few of us were fortunate enough to meet Newell at a retreat in mid-February. He is a person with great humility, charm, wit, and compassion.

Meeting Newell reminded me of my own aspirations to teach Celtic Spirituality. Unlike Newell, who spends much of his time traveling, I am excited to teach Celtic Spirituality in our small town of Newberg and see if people might wish to come to our small community on pilgrimage to learn about our retreat center like church and our welcoming Newberg Peace Garden.

Karen and I were walking in the peace garden recently and dreaming of our little area as a pilgrimage site where people might come to experience God's loving presence while enjoying the beauty of nature. What a joy we share in forming a Christian community in Newberg that might continue to bless spiritual pilgrims for generations. I like to think of our small campus as a thin place, where heaven and earth feel very close to one another.

Speaking of generational influence, on March 10th we are celebrating 134 years as a church community. We are fortunate to have a cloud of witnesses who



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have gone before us to pave the way for our presbyterian church. Now the baton is passed to us, and we are invited to carry the message of the gospel to new generations.

My favorite time of year in our church is right now during Lent and Easter Season. I love our Easter breakfast and the way we place flowers on the cross each Easter morning. I wonder if this Easter, we might recommit ourselves to be a church that embodies the gospel in fresh ways that honor the beauty and goodness of God's creation. I wonder if we might see our small retreat center like church as a pilgrimage site dedicated to prayer and spiritual renewal. How might we each seek to invest in our Christian community in new ways as we explore the love of Christ in our community and world? How might the resurrection of Jesus

spur us on to an even bolder witness for the gospel?

As you explore this March/April combined Pew News, please note our activities during Holy Week and Easter morning. We are excited to host a Last Supper drama once again on Maundy Thursday and we will invite you to experience a personal retreat on either Good Friday or Holy Saturday using the Stations of the Cross on our campus. On Easter morning, we will celebrate breakfast and a beautiful resurrection service. In the month of April, we will continue to celebrate the Easter season with humor on Bright Sunday and fun community activities like our dinner for six gathering on April 20th. May this be a rich season of spiritual renewal and celebration!





Session Meeting February 13, 2024

Lory Albright provided a thoughtful devotion to begin our meeting.

- We welcomed new session member Bob Hamilton.
- Kim Godshalk reported that she turned into presbytery our annual statistical report.
- Deacons reported helping with memorial for Armond Kalesse and supporting Fish Food Drive.
- Mission and Global Witness will welcome our mission partners Brian and Julie on July 28th.
- Marc Manner was installed as deacon and Bob Hamilton was ordained as an elder at congregational meeting on January 28th.
- We approved Lish Manner to fill in for Katherine Millage as Office Manager from 3/22/24 to 4/19/24, while Katherine cares for her mother.
- Pastor Chris to take study leave from March 16th to March 23rd to partner with Renovare ministry.
- Lish Manner was approved to serve as Worship Coordinator and Mary Kalesse was approved to serve in Congregational Care position during Pastor Chris' sabbatical this summer from June 1st to September 1st.
- Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will take place on Saturday April 20th and Newberg First Presbyterian will purchase a table.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Godshalk, Clerk of Session
Rev. Dr. Chris Murphy, Moderator

75
YEARS



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING
SPECIAL OFFERINGS
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

For 75 years, One Great Hour of Sharing
has connected us in God's
healing, tending and growing
to create a world where all needs are met.

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four Special Offerings of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and is focused around Easter Sunday - which occurs on March 31st this year.

Traditionally we receive this offering on Palm Sunday, but your participation at any time surrounding Easter this year will be gratefully received.

This offering supports The Presbyterian Hunger Program (36%), Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32%) and Self-Development of People (32%) enabling all of us to bring hope and the love of Christ to some of the most vulnerable and desperate people at home and in places around the globe. Our Disaster Assistance is helping to ease the pain of millions of displaced people, refugees, and those who are caring for them.

This year OGHs has provided daily activities for the entire Season of Lent. These activities help focus on the very real reasons we give to OGHs and will help us to remember that our prayers are just (if not more) valuable than money. To access these activities, please click here:

pcusa.org/oghs/sharingcalendar

WHEN WE ALL DO A LITTLE,
IT ADDS UP TO A LOT.



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HOUSE
Advocacy Center & Shelter
Yamhill County Oregon

The Deacons are collecting NEW items for Henderson House in McMinnville, OR. from March

17th to March 31st. Items needed are Gift cards, Hygiene Items, Cleaning Products, Paper Goods, Children's Items, Bed and Bath, and Kitchen Items.

Henderson House advocates provide domestic violence, sexual assault, and human sex trafficking response and advocacy, crisis intervention, emergency 30 day shelter, a 24 hour crisis line, coordinated wrap around service referrals, support groups, bilingual Spanish services, and youth outreach.

Please keep in mind that Henderson House only accepts NEW items). You can go to their website (hendersonhouse.org/donate/) to see the comprehensive list of specific items. There is also a link to click on to see a comprehensive list of needs.



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 pray for Steve Seaquist as he continues to deal with the effects of Bell's Palsy. May God send strength, grace and recovery to him.



We ask for prayers of healing and strength for Carol Swehla as she continues to deal with hip pain.



Please pray for the Simonsen family, Tim and Pam Weaver, and Sharon Riha as they mourn the passing of Roberta Simonsen on February 24th. May God send them peace and comfort during this time of grief.



Mission partner Bob Ekblad of Tierra Nueva sent us a very interesting article stemming from his ministry. The following is a condensed version of the article. If you would like to read Bob's work in full, contact Katherine in the office and she will email it to you.



Discernment in a Time of Deception: Learning from Simeon to Identify and Receive the True Savior

Luke's Gospel presents a man named Simeon as the first to identify Jesus as the world's consoling, Savior King. In alignment with the Magi of Matthew's Gospel, who follow a star to the Bethlehem stable, Simeon identifies Jesus in his child state, speaking prophetic words over him that alert us to how Jesus and his way might be identified and received, or rejected now. In a time of socio-political turmoil and partisan division, let's see what we can learn from Simeon to help us rightly discern Jesus and his Kingdom now.

"And there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel; and the Holy Spirit was upon him" (Lk 2:25).

Luke distinguishes Simeon from other men who lived in Jerusalem by observing that this man was righteous and devout, inviting us to consider what this might mean and where we stand in comparison. All we know about him are his subsequent actions. Simeon was looking for the consolation of Israel, which suggests that he hadn't yet found consolation in the religion and politics of his time.

In our Tierra Nueva faith community I recently asked the question: "what do we find ourselves going after in attempts to comfort ourselves?" People mention the expected "drugs, sex, food, money, our image, the Casino, work..." and we readily confess that our comforts of choice do not fully satisfy. We can identify with Simeon in his wanting and waiting for something more.

Though the Holy Spirit was upon

Simeon, and this Spirit is identified by Jesus as the Comforter (parakletos- Jn 14:16,26), Simeon was still expecting something more, or someone in addition to the Spirit. The next verse gives us the key.

"And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ" (Lk 2:26).

The Holy Spirit who was upon Simeon, had also personally revealed to him that he would see the Lord's Christ, the Messiah, before he saw death. It was this revelation that caused Simeon to ready himself prayerfully, waiting and actively anticipating meeting the expected One. This also required that he evaluate and refuse pretender saviors or false Messiahs—a posture that is desperately needed today, as Jesus warned his followers:

"See to it that you are not misled; for many will come in my name, saying, 'I am He,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not go after them" (Lk 21:8).

Who or what is actively seeking your allegiance, trust or vote? I feel challenged by Simeon and Jesus to fine-tune my spiritual and political discernment. So, what more can we learn from Simeon as he moves towards recognizing Jesus as the one and only Savior?

"And he came in the Spirit into the temple," Luke continues. In the first instance, the Holy Spirit is upon Simeon (Lk 2:25). In the second instance the Holy Spirit had revealed to Simeon details about the timing of his seeing (Lk 2:26). Now in the third instance

Simeon is physically moving (he came) "in the Spirit" into the temple.

Simeon models a full immersion in the Spirit, and this leads to direct action. At this time. Simeon's movements in the Spirit become chronologically coordinated with the moment Jesus' parents bring Jesus into the temple in compliance with the Mosaic Law. "And when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to carry out for him the custom of the Law" (Luke 2:27) timely alignment with Simeon becomes possible, resulting in their physical meeting and the pledging of total allegiance.

Let's look at which law Jesus' parents were fulfilling here, to understand what Simeon was tuning into.

In direct association with the Jewish Passover, God required Israelites to "sanctify to me every firstborn... it belongs to me" (Ex 13:2). On the eve of Passover, every Jewish family was to take a lamb, in the place of their firstborn son, slaughtering it, sprinkling the doorpost and lintel of each family's house with its blood. By doing so, the angel of death would "pass over" the family gathered inside the home when Egypt's firstborn were struck on the eve of God's liberation of his people from slavery. Many Jewish parents brought in their firstborn sons into the temple to comply with the Law's prescriptions regarding the redemption of the firstborn in Exodus. When Mary and Joseph bring in the child, "then he (Simeon) took him into his arms, and blessed God," writes Luke, reflecting Simeon's total embrace of God's firstborn Son.

Ekblad article continued-

While fully embracing the child Jesus, Simeon next says something that is completely shocking, revealing a profound awareness of Jesus' identity. He blesses God, and then says to the child Jesus there in his arms: "Now despota," says Simeon, not using the expected title kurios that usually translates Lord. Despota means "absolute ruler, master," and can refer to a human master over servants (1 Tm 6:1; Titus 2:9; 1 Pt 2:18), but also God (Acts 4:24) and Jesus (2 Tm 2:21; 2 Pt 2:1; Jude 4; Rev 6:10).

Simeon's recognition of who Jesus is causes him to humble himself to the extreme before his Master. He tells the child Jesus: "You are releasing your bond-servant [slave] to depart in peace, according to your word" (Lk 2:29)-- which the Holy Spirit had revealed. There as Simeon receives the comfort he's been actively awaiting, he surrenders himself as a humble servant to the Master Comforter, and then gives his carefully-crafted reason.

"For my eyes have seen your sal-

vation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light of revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel" (Lk 2:30-32).

According to Simeon, his own seeing of God's salvation is something possible for everyone. God has prepared it publicly before all peoples, as a revelatory light to the non-Jews, the very glory of God's people Israel. Yet here we are still not perceiving Jesus' identity. Even Jesus' parents don't find it obvious: *"And his father and mother were amazed at the things which were being said about him" (Lk 2:33).*

In response to Joseph and Mary's amazement Simeon blesses them, which they (and we) most certainly need to be able to stay the course before the resistance that he then prophesies. That Jesus is appointed for the fall and rise of many is demonstrated by Simeon's own humbling himself as a servant before the child Jesus, his Master. Simeon echoes Mary's own words in her song in Luke 1: 51-53,

"He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts of their heart. He has brought down rulers from their thrones, and has exalted those who were humble. He has filled the hungry with good things; and sent away the rich empty-handed."

The proud, the rulers and enthroned must bow before the King, while the humble are lifted up, to sit with him at the right hand of the Father. Most certainly this revolutionary Master and Kingdom has been and will continue to be opposed.

Simeon's words to Mary that a sword will pierce even her own soul, likely a reference to her son Jesus' execution, will result in the thoughts from many hearts being revealed. May we choose to humbly confess our own thoughts that doubt, resist, and even oppose Jesus' humble way of saving the world as they come to light. May we choose to "fall" should that be still required, which is the only position from which we can rise.

We received this letter from mission partners Brian and Julie O....



Dear Partners,

[During] February 18th-23rd, we will be in Orlando, FL, at the US Wycliffe Headquarters, to attend a "Stateside Connection"-- a program for Wycliffe members who work based in the US.

Secondly, we are planning a special project:

Next year will be the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea, and we are looking at putting together a small book to commemorate it. This will include:

- A very brief bio of a special attendee, Bishop Stratophil, who was from the home area of the ancestors of the Abaza and Abkhaz people,
- A brief description of the Council of Nicaea, including the creed that came out of it, pointing out that it is used by Christians from virtually all traditions – Orthodox, Catholic, Protestant,
- The original Nicene creed itself,
- Translation into Abaza, Abkhaz, Russian and Turkish (for the diaspora population of both Abaza and Abkhaz), plus the original Greek of the creed.

We will share more details later but wanted to ask for prayer from the beginning. This is time sensitive and will involve a lot of moving parts, including two separate translation teams. Pray for unity as we work on this project – and that it will not take too much time away from the regular ongoing translation (more on that next month.)

Our Church Life



A Very Special Easter Choir Opportunity!

All who love to sing but are unable to commit to a weekly practice, now is your time to shine! Join us in a special Easter choir performance—only two weekly practices and one performance to take place on Easter Sunday. Come and let your voice celebrate the resurrection! Contact Pat Goodman (503-476-5082) for more information and to sign up.

Dinner for Six: Building Community Together



The Deacons will be helping us organize a Dinner for Six event on Saturday April 20th.

We are looking for hosts and participants. Hosts will open up their homes and provide the main dish. Participants will go to different homes and provide side dishes.

We will take signups for hosts and participants the first two Sundays of April and the dinner will take place in different homes on Saturday, April 20th at 6:00 pm.

We hope you will participate in this special opportunity to build Christian community together over a home cooked meal.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME



March 10th is the beginning of daylight savings time. On Saturday, March 9th, before bed, set your clocks ahead one

hour so you can make it to church the next morning!



MAUNDY THURSDAY CALL FOR ACTORS!

The second annual Maundy Thursday Last Supper reenactment is being held on March 28, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We are putting out a call for actors/participants in order to make this year's Last Supper as brilliant as the first one!

If you are interested in helping out on Maundy Thursday please contact Jen Henry (jenhenry001@yahoo.com or 775-385-7833) to sign up for a part in the scene. She wants to cast the roles of Jesus, the 12 disciples, and three women.

This Maundy Thursday event will include a simple meal of Mediterranean food. Be sure to join us for this wonderful and spiritually rewarding time and may God lead this special moment!



Easter breakfast will be on Easter Sunday, March 31st at 9:00 am - before our 10:30 church service.

There will be a sign-up sheet during Fellowship in March for folks to sign up to bring food such as main/hot dishes, pastries, and fruit. Please note there are folks in our church family with food allergies/restrictions. Dairy-free and gluten-free options are needed and appreciated! If you have any questions, contact Paula Buck (503-250-1164 or pbuck41108@mindspring.com) or any Deacon.



Deacons Food Drive for FISH!

Thank you to our generous congregation! Deacons Marc Mannerter and Mindi Hynes dropped off 159 lbs of food for FISH. The volunteers at FISH were incredibly grateful and extended their thanks to Newberg First Presbyterian for their generous donation. They also wanted to pass on that they are always looking for donations of plastic bags to use to distribute frozen foods.



Our Church's 134th Birthday Celebration!

On March 10th, our church, Newberg First Presbyterian, will celebrate it's 134th birthday!

We hope you can join us to celebrate after church during Fellowship and enjoy some birthday cake.

Our church at our current address obviously isn't 134 years old. Our church was originally located downtown Newberg, near where the Newberg Library is today. If you would like to see a picture of the old church, stop in the front office. It's hanging right by Katherine's desk. Check it out!



Holy Week Schedule



Passion / Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, a time in the church year when we remember how Christ gave his life in love for the world. As this service opens, the crowd waves palm branches, wanting to crown Jesus as king. But as the story of the passion unfolds, their shouts of praise turn to demands for his crucifixion.

This year Palm Sunday is Sunday, March 24th. Please join us as we celebrate Jesus' joyous entry into Jerusalem, which begins Holy Week and leads into the great Easter celebration of Christ's resurrection!

Maundy Thursday begins the Three Days, remembering the new commandment that Christ gave us in word and deed as he taught us how to love one another, washing our feet as a servant. We also celebrate the Lord's Supper, remembering the meal Christ shared with his disciples before his death. This year FPC will be hosting a Maundy Thursday gathering on Thursday, March 28th at 6:00 pm. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall where there will be a drama/presentation based on John 13 (Jesus washes the disciples' feet.) There will also be a dinner (middle eastern style) and a reflection on the Lord's Supper.



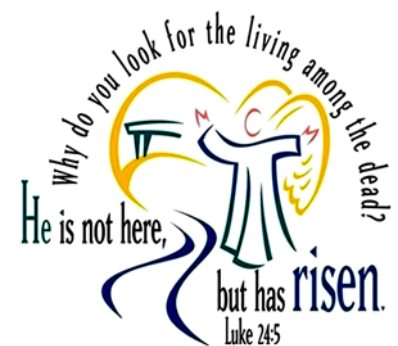
Good Friday, the Friday before Easter, is the day on which Christians annually observe the commemoration of the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ.

This year Good Friday is March 29th. Our church family is encouraged to hold their own personal prayer retreat here at church. The Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall will be open for prayer and personal reflection. Also during this time participants can walk the stations of the cross (located in the Peace Garden) prayerfully focusing on Christ's passion and following Him in His journey to the cross. Please join us for this special time.

(Those who are unable to attend on Good Friday may plan their personal prayer retreat for Holy Saturday. Please talk to Pastor Chris to make arrangements.)

On Easter Sunday, March 31st at 9:00 am, our church family will enjoy breakfast together in the Fellowship Hall. A sign-up sheet will be in the narthex of the sanctuary and also the Fellowship Hall so you can reserve your place and indicate the breakfast item you will provide (9x13 egg dish, Potlatch potatoes, pastries, and/or fruit). Please invite your extended family and guests in anticipation of this traditional event at Newberg First Presbyterian Church.

At 10:30 am, we will join together for our worship service, celebrating the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. At the beginning of the service, we will decorate our Easter cross. Please bring flowers and foliage so that together we can turn the old and barren wooden cross, (which signifies the death of Jesus) into a thing of color and beauty- a living symbol of resurrection.



Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11: 25-26





Our Church Community: Get Involved!

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CAYAC
(College and Young Adult Community)



**Sunday Morning
Adult Study**

Adult Spiritual Formation class is held every Sunday morning at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. This year Adult Education is led by the dynamic team of Mindi Hynes and the education

Committee. Come gather with us as we learn together, sharing life and building relationships, while we discuss life from a spiritual perspective. It's a great way to deepen your spiritual journey...and make some great friends!

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 this amazing group. CAYAC meets on the first Sunday of each month from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.



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!



*Join the
Youth Group*

We are excited to for our new youth ministry this year! Led by our new youth ministers, Joe & Emily Summers, Youth Group meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday evening, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, at the church. Our youth ministry is open to ages 11 to 18. Come join us!



Bike Ministry
In partnership with Love INC

First Presbyterian Church partners with Love INC in providing bikes to eligible clients. 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 those 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 Elise Prayzich (307-690-3762.)



**Space 4 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!



Chair Yoga

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Chair Yoga class meets weekly on Mondays from 3:30-4:15 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

If you are interested in joining this restorative class, you can contact Lory Albright at 971-226-8407, or email her at lorylyn808@gmail.com.

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.



Friday Prayer Retreat

Join us on the first Friday of each month as we gather together at church 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.



Calling all who love to sing! Our choir, led by Pat Goodman, is always looking for new voices to praise God. Our choir sings two times a month but practices every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm.

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!



The Newberg Peace Garden is always looking for volunteers to plant, water, weed, and give our garden the TLC it needs.

If you would like to volunteer, or make a donation to the NPG, please contact Sylvia Burns (secondwindsb@hotmail.com) or Ciarán Hynes (chynes@georgefox.edu.)

March 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Adult Education class meets each Sunday at 9:00 in the Fellowship Hall Children's Worship happens each Sunday morning. Children will leave Worship right before the sermon and join their teacher for fun and learning!					1 9:00 am- First Friday Prayer Retreat	2
3 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service 6:00 pm- CAYAC	4 3:30 pm- Chair Yoga	5 2:00 pm- Worship Committee meeting	6 9:00 am -Bike Ministry 7:00 pm- Choir Practice	7 8:00 am- Men's Fellowship	8 11:00 am- Space 4 Grace Women's Fellowship	9 Tonight before bed: Daylight saving time starts at 2 a.m. Clocks should be turned forward one hour
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31 Easter
 9:00 am- Easter Breakfast
 10:30 am- In-Person and Livestream Worship Service
 Choir sings

Anniversaries
 16- Rod and Maxine Carey
 19- Pidge & Joe Steve
 22- Mary & Bob Andrews

Birthdays
 1- Craig McCourt
 2- Max McCourt
 7- Paul Landis
 9- Judy Landis
 13- Esther Chris
 17- Joshua Weible
 19- David Waterbury
 19- Pat Goodman
 20- Johnny Beresky
 27- Karen Murphy
 27- Miriam Staples
 28- Nell Greybeck
 29- Alisha Mannerter

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday– March 24, 10:30 am
 Worship Service with palm fronds
Maundy Thursday– March 28, 6:00 pm in Fellowship Hall
 Dinner with drama/presentation
Good Friday– March 29, 9:00 am
 Personal Prayer Retreat– The Sanctuary will be open for personal prayer and reflection. You may also walk the stations of the cross in the Peace Garden.
Easter– March 31, 9:00 am
 Church Family Breakfast in Fellowship Hall
 10:30 Worship Service with decoration of the cross





April 2024



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Birthdays

2- Susan King
7- Elizabeth Harwood
21- Cedar Albright
24- Julie O'Herin
25- Thomas Millage



Anniversaries

4- Diane & Bruce Murphy
20- Lish and Marc Manner

Upcoming Events

April 7th - This Sunday is **Bright Sunday**, a day for joyful celebration of Christ's resurrection. We encourage you to wear your brightest clothing and come to church prepared to share the "Easter laugh" of resurrection joy.

April 19th, 11:00 am- Special Space 4 Grace meeting held at Mary Kalesse's home. Mary's friend Lou from the Karen Ministry in Thailand will be sharing updates and tastes of traditional food. For more information, contact Mary at mekalesse4@gmail.com or call 503-709-3292.

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