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Prayer Requests

Contact Carley Bushart at
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Upon Further Reflection

Deacons in Service

The heart of this congregation is relationships. God's Spirit unites us with Christ and with one another, and that means our relationships in the church take on unique qualities as God's love is put on display. The Deacon Board is comprised of people called to roles of service within these Spirit-filled relationships in the church. Historically, each deacon has had a fairly similar set of responsibilities which centered around care for a cluster of congregation members who they would reach out to with cards and assist as they were able in times of need.

This year, in response to gradually decreasing Deacon Board members, the Deacon Board has changed their approach to living out this essential ministry calling. Rather than each Deacon taking on a cluster of members to care for, they are focusing their service on specialized ministries for any members who may be in need. While this means that the Deacons have more time to serve in areas of specific interest and gifting. Members are free to reach out to any deacon, the pastor, or the church office with a request.

Here is a table describing the Specialized Ministries that each deacon will be focusing on this year:

Intentional Care: Rich Custer, Monika Chroust-Masin, Luella Fritz, Patty Good, and Donna Miller

This specialized ministry reaches out to members of the congregation who are unable to regularly participate in worship services for a variety of reasons. These deacons will connect with these members in a manner that is roughly parallel to the former deacon cluster ministry model.

Memorial Services: Ann Austin, Stewart and Danna Bone, Rich Custer, Becky Donaly, Donna Miller, Karen Olson.

This specialized ministry provides hospitality and preparation for memorial services as the congregation has experienced in the past.

Emergency Care: Stewart and Danna Bone, Patty Good, Cheryl Seagren

This specialized ministry focuses on providing support to congregation members who are going through a time of unique difficulty.

Transportation: Patty Good, Donna Miller, Monika Chroust-Masin

This specialized ministry area aims to assist in transportation needs of the congregation as time and scheduling allows.

Prayer Chain: Becky Donaly, Monika Chroust-Masin (and Carley Bushart, emeritus)

This specialized ministry area helps distribute prayer concerns of the congregation.

Passion Project: Luella Fritz (Sisters in Recovery), Rich Custer (hospital visitation)

This is a new ministry which enables deacons to explore areas of service unique to their interests and gifts.

The deacons are still sorting out exactly how this new approach will work, and they are very open to feedback if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Please pray for our deacons that they can continue to faithfully serve the congregation they love so much.

Sundays

Worship with Us

Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:30 am for worship in person or to watch the livestream. The service will be recorded and available on the website, fpc-mac.org, to view later.

Previous services are also available to view at your convenience and sermons are available on the website in written form. You can also contact the church office to have a copy of the sermon mailed to you each week.



Communion Sunday April 17th

Adult Education Class

For the next two Sunday mornings, the Adult Ed program will continue its series on the New Testament epistles.

- On March 20th, our friend from Newberg FPC, Chuck Zickefoose will discuss Ephesians, usually ascribed to Paul, which emphasizes the essential unity of the church despite its diverse demographics.
- On March 27th Danna Bone will comment on passages from Paul's letter to Titus as they are read by Stewart. Titus was a Greek Christian convert and a longtime friend and follower of Paul, who was then ministering to the Christian community in Crete.

The last two Sundays of Lent will be devoted to the arts.

- On April 3rd, Markita Price will present J. S. Bach's greatest masterpiece, the St. Matthew Passion, along with history, pictures, and of course the sounds of various parts of the Passion.
- And on April 10th, Palm Sunday, Jane Kristof will review the depiction of Holy Week in Modern Art, 1800-2022.

As always, there will be no class on Easter Sunday.

New Staff Member

New Director of Music

Let's give thanks to our congregation and musicians for showing both dedication and patience as we have moved through our process for hiring a new Director of Music at First Presbyterian Church. You probably know that we had two highly qualified candidates for this position, which was both a blessing and challenge for the Hiring Team put together by Personnel. The Hiring Team received 21 survey responses plus other feedback on these two extraordinary candidates.

After substantial conversations with each candidate and a long time of prayerful deliberation, the Hiring Team came to a consensus that Marcia Stratman was the best person to lead our congregation's music program. Marcia has extensive experience in music education, performance, and worship leadership. She displayed remarkable creativity, heart, theological depth, and understanding of the dynamics of congregational life. We are thrilled that she has accepted the invitation to be our new Music Director. Welcome, Marcia!



"Praise the Lord with a Joyful Noise!"

If you've wanted to sing in the church choir but couldn't fully commit to week after week rehearsals, come try this way. Come join our Easter choir. Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm to 7:45 pm in the sanctuary. We will be preparing a special song for our 10:30 Easter service on Sunday, April 17. Rehearsals are March 16, 23, 30, April 6 and 13. Teens and adults are welcome. If you want more information please contact Marcia Stratman at 971-387-6183.

Ongoing Activities

creative expressions.

Creative Expressions is a time that is set aside each month for you to work on any project you wish. Bring your supplies and join us. We meet the first Friday of each month from 4-8 pm. **We meet next on April 1st.**

Bring a brown bag dinner and drink if you like. We usually eat around 5:30 pm.



Presbyterian Women

PW Board

April 6th 10:00 am
Witherspoon Room

Sarah Circle

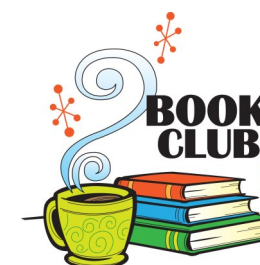
April 12th 5:30 pm
Member's home

Agape Circle

April 20th 9:30 am
Knox Room at the Church
Devotions: Ruth Willis
Lesson 7: Donna Miler

Priscilla Circle

April 25th 7:00 pm
Hostess: Pam Jackson
Lesson #8: Group Lesson



Social Justice Book Club

Our next read will be *Four Hundred Souls*: Parts 4-6 by Ibram X. Kendi. We will meet on Tuesday, April 26th at 4pm on Zoom.

Contact Kate for more information or for the link to join the discussion.

Weekly Bible Study on Zoom Wednesdays at 10:00 am

A weekly Bible study, led by Pastor Matt, on the scripture reading for the following Sunday meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am on Zoom. The link for the meeting can be found in the FPC Weekly E-News email. They will not be meeting on March 23rd or 30th when Pastor Matt is away.

Narthex Gallery



Now showing at the Narthex Gallery
through March 31st
"Water: Meta of Life"
Paintings by Natasha Ramras

Annex Gallery

Textile Art Show

Come see the beautiful cross stitch and needlepoint work done by Ann Widen, Mary McBride, and Stewart Bone hanging in the Annex Gallery (as you walk along the ramp in the Gallery). You'll be able to view their work through the month of March.

Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Nancy on vacation Pastor Matt on vacation 9:00 AM Adult Education on Zoom 10:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Children's Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM MYC Middle School Youth 6:00 PM MYC High School Youth	28 Nancy on vacation Pastor Matt on Study Leave 9:00 AM Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00 PM Oak Valley Bridge Club 7:00 PM Priscilla Circle	29 Nancy on vacation Pastor Matt on Study Leave 9:30 AM WITW Leadership 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	30 Nancy on vacation Pastor Matt on Study Leave 8:30 AM Wednesday Breakfast (take out only) 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 PM Women's AA Group 6:00 PM MYC Dinner 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	31 Nancy on vacation Pastor Matt on Study Leave 9:30 AM Women in the Word	1 Nancy on vacation Office Closed Pastor Matt on Study Leave 4:00 PM Creative Expressions	2 Nancy on vacation Pastor Matt on Study Leave 5:00 PM Community Dinner (take out only)
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10 Palm Sunday 9:00 AM Adult Education on Zoom 10:30 AM Worship 10:45 AM Children's Bell Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM MYC Middle School Youth 6:00 PM MYC High School Youth	11 9:00 AM Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00 PM Oak Valley Bridge Club	12 9:30 AM WITW Leadership 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Kidventure 5:30 PM Sarah Circle 6:00 PM Deacons	13 8:30 AM Wednesday Breakfast (take out only) 10:00 AM Bible Study on Zoom 3:30 PM Worship & Music Ministry Team 5:00 PM Personnel 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 PM Women's AA Group 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal	14 Maundy Thursday Passover Seder 9:30 AM Women in the Word	15 Good Friday Office Closed Stations of the Cross Walk and Prayer Service	16 5:00 PM Community Dinner (take out only)
17 Communion Easter Sunday One Great Hour of Sharing Offering 7:00 AM Prayers on the Labyrinth and flowering of the cross 10:30 AM Worship 11:30 AM Easter Egg Hunt	18 Kate on vacation Office Closed 12:00 PM Oak Valley Bridge Club	19 Kate on vacation 9:30 AM WITW Leadership 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	20 Kate on vacation 8:30 AM Wednesday Breakfast (take out only) 9:30 AM Agape Circle 10:00 AM Bible Study on Zoom 5:30 PM Handbell Rehearsal 5:30 PM Women's AA Group 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM Session	21 Kate on vacation 9:30 AM Women in the Word	22 Earth Day Kate on vacation Office Closed Pastor's Sabbath Day	23 Kate on vacation 5:00 PM Community Dinner (take out only)
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Holy Week



Please save these dates. More details will be shared in the FPC Weekly E-News and during Sunday Worship announcements,

Palm Sunday
April 10th
Connectional Worship

Maundy Thursday
April 14th
Passover Seder

Good Friday
April 15th
An ecumenical walk through the Stations of the Cross with a prayer service at the end.

Easter Sunday
April 17th
7:00 am Outdoor Service on the Labyrinth with the flowering of the cross. Please plan to bring flowers to adorn the cross.

10:30 am Worship
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
11:30 am Easter Egg Hunt

Mission

The Mission Ministry Team would like to introduce, Arooj Asher, the student that we, FPC, has provided a scholarship to through the Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan. This will be the third year we have supported her.

Please see her letter of thanks below.



Arooj Asher

Christian Girls' High School, Martinpur
Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan, 2020-21



Dear friends,
I am Arooj. I am truly thankful to you for the scholarship. I was facing difficulty in arranging the fee for my studies. But because of your help, I will be comfortably continuing my studies. I will always be grateful to you. Thank you once again.
Name: Arooj Asher
Class: 9th
C.G.H.S. Martinpur

Mission

One Great Hour of Sharing God's Love

The three programs supported by our One Great Hour of Sharing offering - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.



The tragic situation in Ukraine reminds us of the importance of being a church connected to both local and global communities as challenges surface. Our hearts bleed for the people of Ukraine who have been so devastated by the Russian invasion. Our Presbyterian Disaster Assistance team is working with partner churches in Eastern Europe to provide sanctuary for the refugees flooding into Poland, Hungary and Romania.

First Presbyterian Church has a long history of generous giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing. We will be receiving the offering for the One Great Hour of Sharing on Easter Sunday, April 17th. An offering envelope is available in this Portfolio edition, but you can also give online or by dropping your check off at the church office.

Please join us as we play our part in spreading the good news of God's love for all in need.

Thank you.

Empty Equal Exchange Coffee Bags Needed: The Creative Arts Team is asking all those who purchase coffee from the Fair Trade Market Cart to please save your empty coffee bags and bring them to the Cart or the church office. On June 3rd at Creative Expressions you can learn how to transform those bags, with the help of duct tape, into sturdy tote bags. More information on that to come, just want to get the word out to save those coffee bags!



All in the Family



April

Beryl Foster	2nd
Adelynn Moore	4th
Dave Haugeberg	10th
Marlene Radasch	11th
Kent Thomson	11th
Rob Laddusaw	12th
Patty Good	14th
Emma Hall	14th
Pat Stanfield	15th
Alison Thomson	20th
Sharie Clevenger	21st
Grayson Moore	25th
Star Thomson	25th
Ralph Litchfield	27th



thank you

... to our church family for all your prayers and good wishes for Lynn's surgery last week.

Lynn & Connie Foster

Thank you to the following volunteers that helped with the cleaning, preparation for new flooring, and painting in the kitchen: Connie Foster, Janice Jones, Rich Custer, Dick Enger, Doug Larson and Duane Qualey. Thank you!!



April Prayer Calendar

"Devote yourself to prayer, being watchful and thankful." Colossians 4:2
Please lift each household name or group listed below in prayer on that day of the month.

1. Ken Sherwood
2. Community Dinner
3. Sandra Sherwood
4. Tim & Wendy Shuler, Matie
5. Marvin & Eileen Slater
6. Scott Smith & Sara DeMaster Smith, Christian & Moxxie
7. David Staneck & Mona Ornelas-Staneck, Jillian
8. Pat Stanfield
9. Simon & Bev Steely
10. Chris Steinman & Mandy Burnside, Autumn & Hunter
11. Mike & Cathy Stephens
12. Deacons
13. Dolores Sterling
14. Marin Sterling
15. Teagan Sterling
16. Sandra Thomas
17. Luna Thompson-Aue
18. Alison Thomson, Arabella & Abram
19. Kent & Star Thomson
20. Session
21. Dale & Carolyn Tomlinson
22. Cliff & Kelly Van Horn
23. Arthur Van Uchelen
24. McMinnville Youth Collective
25. Paul & Anneke Van Uchelen
26. Kidventure
27. Fred & Renee Vorm
28. Margaret Wallace
29. John & Lori Wallick
30. Dave & Ann Widen

Nuts & Bolts

DOLLAR\$&CENTS

FINANCIAL REPORT (Operating Fund)

February	Actual,	Budget
Receipts:	\$ 24,338 7.0%	\$ 28,625 8.3%
Expenses:	32,630 8.0%	33,841 8.3%

Year to Date:

Receipts:	\$ 53,084 15.5%	\$ 57,365 16.7 %
Expenses:	66,253 16.4%	67,316 16.7 %

Receipts were down significantly for the month but not unusual for February and expenses close to budget leaving us with an expected deficit YTD.

Thank you for your continued support.

Session Highlights

Action taken and information items are summarized for the Portfolio monthly. Due to the need to have the Portfolio mailed before Nancy goes on vacation this month, the Session has not yet met, so there are no highlights at this time.



Pastor Matt will be on vacation
Monday, March 21st - Sunday, March 27th.
He will then be on study leave
Monday, March 28th - Sunday, April 3rd.

Nancy MacDonald will be on vacation
March 19th -April 3rd.



The Presbytery of the Cascades adopted a new Mission and Vision Statement at the March 11th Presbytery Meeting. They were proposed by the Presbytery Strategic Planning Team that had been working on their creation over the last 14 months. Nancy MacDonald was a member of this Team. Congregations will be hearing more about what this means moving forward in the next few months.

Mission

Cultivating Spirit-led collaborative ministries that embody God's love in Jesus Christ.

Vision

As a Presbytery of the PC(USA), in faithful response to what God does, we are cultivating collaboration between congregations, ecclesiastical partners, community organizations, and global neighbors so that ministry will thrive in the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

Being Reformed by Love:

We collaborate together to nurture worship, spirituality, and community that strengthens our connection with God and one another.

Loving Our Neighbors:

- Through inclusion - We collaborate together to change assumptions, engage all with compassion, unearth bias and uproot the prejudice, discrimination, oppression, racism, and violence that stems from it.
- Through justice - We collaborate together to dismantle unjust systems, practices, and structures and to build a more equitable and life-giving society,

Loving the World:

We collaborate together to honor the interconnection of all life by fostering greater stewardship of the natural world towards sustainability for generations to come.

Earth Care Corner

Calendar of Events:

April 22nd – International Earth Day- All are encouraged to pray an *earth day climate prayer* at 12:00 noon. Visit www.faithclimateactionweek.org for suggestions.

April 24th –Earth Care Sunday: The worship service will focus on the goodness of our Creator and creation. The service will feature testimony from people who have been reading Randy Woodley's book, "Becoming Rooted." We hope you can join us for a day of celebration, dedication, and renewal!

June 4th – James Recycling, Yamhill County Fair Grounds. This is part of the *McMinnville Recycled Art and Sustainable Living Festival*.

Comments from our church family

Book: Bob Irish

I've been reading a book titled "Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World" written by Katharine Hayhoe. I can highly recommend it. It gets a bit into the science of climate change but, more importantly, how to talk to people about climate change and how facts sometimes help and other times hurt acceptance by others. The book is available at the McMinnville library.

Documentaries:

1. Pam Jackson, John Bush and Kate Satterstrom
"The Biggest Little Farm" is a **light hearted documentary** about a LA based couple that decide to fulfill her dream of owning and running a farm that is completely integrated with nature. With lots of expert help, sponsorships and 10+ years of hard work, they establish a sustainable farm (Apricot Lane Farms), which is certified Organic & Biodynamic. They have learned to live with and respect nature. The message that everything has a purpose in the cycle of life is evident. The movie has a great ending and they are still in business (CA). Get out the popcorn and make this family or date-night movie! Ratings: 8/10 IMDb, 91% Rotten Tomatoes, 73 Metacritic. Trailer - The Biggest Little Farm.
2. Bob Irish
I watched a Netflix documentary titled "Cowspiracy". I may never eat another hamburger again! Animal agriculture consumes a huge amount of natural resources and is a major contributor to greenhouse gasses. The film is available on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kw86o0uX800). Go www.cowspiracy.com/unfographic to discover some startling facts.

Research: Kent Thomson:

Scientists are researching the use of sodium ion batteries instead of lithium. As the race for viable alternatives to lithium-ion technology accelerates, sodium batteries are emerging as one of the front-runners. Earlier this year, battery manufacturing heavyweight CATL unveiled plans to commercialize its first-generation sodium-ion batteries by 2023, bringing the technology out of the lab and into the real world of manufacturing. (PV Magazine.com)



Do you have input for our Earth Care Corner? Share your ideas for the Portfolio. Contact Marilyn Enger at engerdm@outlook.com

Presbyterian Women

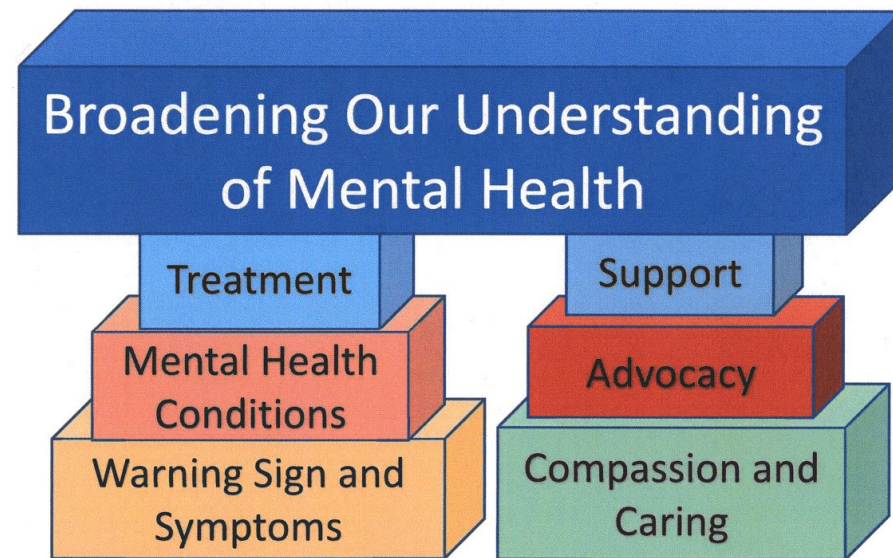
Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of the Cascades Virtual Spring Gathering



Saturday, April 30, 2022
10 am to 12:30 pm

Isaiah 49:13

Sing for joy, O
heavens,
and exult, O
earth;
break forth, O
mountains,
into singing!
For the Lord
has comforted
his people,
and will have
compassion
on his
suffering ones.



Speakers:

Linda Jackson-Shaw : NAMI Family to Family State trainer and Director of "Gloria" a non profit that provides resources and support to family members with loved ones on the journey with mental health.

Louise Langley: Louise K. Langley: NAMI Peer 2 Peer Instructor; IOOV Presenter and Connections Group Facilitator

Explore the issues surrounding mental health and learn about the resources available to the community through the National Alliance on Mental Illness and the Presbyterian Church.

Offering for the Spring Gathering

In lieu of a registration fee for this program, we are encouraging you to send an offering to us in support of NAMI, National Alliance on Mental Illness.

Please send checks made out to Cascades Presbyterian Women to Mary Lou Williams, 14601 NW 26th Ave, Vancouver WA 98685. Please write NAMI in the memo area.

This meeting will be held via Zoom. The invitation link will be sent a day or two before the gathering to all who currently receive emails from Cascades PW. Please share this information. If you would like to attend this gathering, please send your email address to rojewel@gmail.com.

Children, Youth, & Family

CHILDREN'S TIME

SUNDAY 10:30AM

Children are invited to worship & will be excused to Children's Time

April 3: COMMUNION

No Children's Time

April 10: Ephesians

April 17: EASTER

No Children's Time

April 24: Philippians

APRIL
KIDVENTURE
games-music-dinner-story-craft

APRIL 12
THE FACES OF
EASTER
APRIL 26
THE LEGEND OF
THE EASTER EGG

First Presbyterian Church
Labyrinth Entrance
5:30-7:00pm



McMinnville Youth Collective April

April 3: Youth Group
April 8: Event: Game Night
April 10: Youth Group
April 17: EASTER
No Youth Group
April 24: Youth Group
April 27: Dinner:
Sandwich Express

First Presbyterian Church Youth Room
Middle School: 5-6:30pm
High School: 6-7:30pm



What we've been up to
IN MARCH

Children's Time

We celebrated Mardi Gras and baptisms. We learned about the books of Romans, Galatians, and 1 & 2 Corinthians.

Kidventure

We learned about the Mystery of Easter and Lent as the "getting reason season" for Easter. We received our fish banks to fill throughout Lent.

McMinnville Youth Collective

We talked about women in the Bible and explored God as Mother. We also had fun at Joysticks Arcade and meeting for dinner at Gerald's.

