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World Communion Connections

Every year millions of Christians around the world remember our global unity through celebrating World Communion Sunday on the first Sunday of October. This year we were especially blessed through video recorded prayers from many of our mission partners that we support around the world. I thought it would be good to share a little more about each group who shared a prayer with our congregation.

Call to Worship from Pastor Adama Sene, Church planter in Senegal

Pastor Adama Sene has worked for many years planting churches and doing evangelistic work in his home country of Senegal. Because Senegal is predominantly Muslim, this is often slow work done on the margins. Doug and Chris Larson have known Pastor Sene since before they moved to McMinnville and have visited him in Senegal many times. Our church has recently contributed to assist in the construction of a new church building.

Prayers of the People from Veda Gill, Presbyterian Education Board in Pakistan

PEB oversees a network of schools in Pakistan which have a long historical connection to the PC (USA). After many years of being defunct, Veda Gill has restored these schools to new strength with an emphasis on educating girls with a student body which blends Christian and Muslim populations together. The work of educating women and girls in developing countries is incredibly impactful for improving societal health around the world.

Communion Prayer from Pastor Jacky Ntumba, Good Shepherd Hospital in Democratic Republic of Congo

Good Shepherd Hospital is one of several facilities within IMCK (the Christian Medical Institute of Kasai). According to IMCK.org, it was "founded in 1954 as a nursing school at the rural Presbyterian mission station of Lubondai in the then Belgian Congo. More than 60 years later it has come a long way. It has moved to the village of Tshikaji ten miles south of the city of Kananga, added a laboratory technician school, college-level nursing program, a 160-bed reference hospital, programs for nutrition, public health, research and medical internships." Bob and Jan Irish have been key connections for our congregation because of their personal history serving as mission co-workers at IMCK.

Benediction from Pastor Josefina Menjivar, IRCES, Reformed Church of El Salvador

IRCES is a more recent and very exciting connection for our congregation. They are very active in supporting people and families who have been deported after attempting to migrate to the United States. IRCES is advocating for policies which address the root causes of migration as well as developing training to provide psychological-pastoral care for those who have experienced the trauma of displacement.

I hope this helps you feel more connected to our amazing mission partners around the world. We are truly blessed to have such an incredible array of connections. Praise be to God!

Pastor Matt Johnson

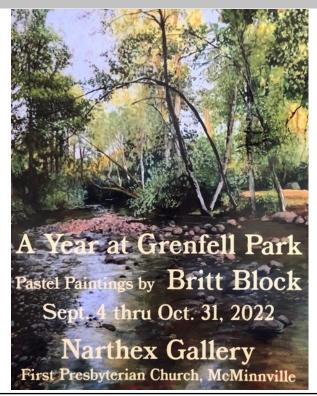
Presbyterian Portfolio

Sunday Information

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 our website, fpc-mac.org, to view later.



Communion Sundays October 2nd & 16th



Adult Education Class

Adult Education welcomes everyone beginning at 9:10 a.m. on Sundays in Calvin Hall West. Wearing face masks is encouraged. Generous leaders will share their expertise and invite discussion.

October 2nd Rich Custer, Habitat for Humanity and its Benefits

Active for thirty years this group has built 65 homes in the McMinnville area.

October 9th Lou Savage, Who Shares the Harvest?

"The produce we pick up at the store for our tables is harvested by an often invisible population of workers. They often struggle to have safe and healthy housing for themselves and their families. The guestion of who pays for this goes to the heart of an ethical and moral society. But, as it is often said, it's complicated."

October 16th Elliott Barske, How Can We Slow Global Warming? "Examining the political will to make major changes needed to slow the warming."

October 23rd Britt Block, artist, A Journey of Radical Acceptance

"In the languages of Art, Nature, and Time, there isn't a word for 'no'. I am sharing my healing exploration of grief and aloneness in Nature and Art over the course of a year of love, loss and the pandemic. The touchstone for my journey is expressed in St. John of the Cross' Dark Night of the Soul."

October 30th Pam Jackson, Pastor Matt Johnson, Marilyn Enger, and John Bush, Earth Care Conversation

"We will talk about our experiences in reading Pastor Randy Woodley's Book Becoming Rooted -100 Days of Reconnecting With Sacred Earth, and will solicit discussion. We will also show a 17- minute video of Dr. Kathryn Hayhoe's TED talk Climate Change and How to Talk About It."

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 usually meet the first Friday of each month from 4-8 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

We meet next on Friday, October 7th.



Social Justice Book Club

The Social Justice Book Club meets monthly on Zoom to discuss a book selected by the group. The book for October is "Take My Hand" by Dolen Perkins-Valdez. The discussion will be on Wednesday, Oct. 26th at 4 pm on Zoom.

Contact Kate for more information or for the link

Women in the Word **Bible Study**

The Women in the Word, a non-denominational Bible Study, is meeting again on Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:00 am in Calvin Hall West. The fall study will be Philippians and our second study beginning 2023 will be Psalms. Registration fee will be \$25. Contact Mary Wimer, 503-472-1569, with any questions.

Weekly Bible Study 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. It will now meet in-person in the Witherspoon Room. If you would still like to attend on Zoom, there will be a link in the FPC Weekly E-news for you to join.

Ongoing Activities







Presbyterian Women

Sarah Circle

October 12th 5:30 pm Whitman Room

Agape Circle

October 19th 9:30 am Knox Room Lesson 2

Priscilla Circle

October 24th 7:00 pm Hostess: Monika Chroust-Masin Lesson 2: Sharon Laddusaw

Let's go on a short road trip!

On Saturday, October 8th, Jan Irish and Marilyn Enger are going to go to the Fall Gathering of Cascades Presbyterian Women. It is at Columbia Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, WA., from 10 am-12 pm. Bring a sack lunch. "Caring for God's Creation" is the theme. Besides the main Speaker Ruthann Marguis, other congregations will share what they are doing . Jan and Marilyn will share some of what our congregation is doing for Earth Care in McMinnville.

Let Marilyn know if you are interested in attending and carpooling. There is no registration fee for this event, however, they need to know how many are coming in person. Please send your name, church affiliation and email address to Mary Lou Williams at mlwms41@comcast.net

In Christ, Marilyn 971-242-9206 engerdm@outlook.com

Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 MYC High School Beach Retreat 9:10am Adult Education 10:30am Worship	26 9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club 5:15pm Kidventure 7:00pm Priscilla Circle	27 8:30am Earth Care Committee 9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 10:00am Staff Meeting	28 Portfolio 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast (take out only) 10:00am Bible Study 1:30pm Portfolio Crew 5:30pm Women's AA Group	29 9:30am Women in the Word 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 6:00pm MYC Dinner 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	30 MYC Middle School Beach Retreat Office Closed	1 MYC Middle School Beach Retreat 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only)
2 Communion MYC Middle School Beach Retreat World Communion Sunday 9:10am Adult Education 10:30am Worship	3 9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club 4:00pm Creative Arts Team 5:15pm Kidventure	4 9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 10:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Building & Grounds Team	5 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast (take out only) 10:00am Bible Study 1:30pm Stewardship, Budget,& Finance Team 5:30pm Women's AA Group	6 9:30am Women in the Word 3:30pm Mission Team 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	7 Office Closed 4:00pm Creative Expressions	8 10:30am Carstensen Memorial Service 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only)
9 9:10am Adult Education 10:30am Worship 5:00pm MYC Middle School Youth 6:00pm MYC High School Youth	10 9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club 5:15pm Kidventure	11 9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 10:00am Staff Meeting 11:30am PEO Luncheon 6:00pm Deacons	12 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast (take out only) 10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm YCCO 5:30pm Sarah Circle 5:30pm Women's AA Group	13 Kate on vacation 9:30am Women in the Word 3:00pm Worship & Music Ministry Team 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	14 Kate on vacation MYC Event Office Closed	15 Kate on vacation 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only)
16 Communion Kate on vacation 9:10am Adult Education 10:30am Worship 5:00pm MYC Middle School Youth 6:00pm MYC High School Youth	17 Kate on vacation 9:00am McMinnville Garden Club 9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club 1:30pm Nominating Committee 5:15pm Kidventure	18 9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 10:00am Staff Meeting	19 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast (take out only) 9:30am Agape Circle 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Women's AA Group 7:00pm Session	20 9:30am Women in the Word 4:00pm Sorting Recycling Event 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	21 Elder, Deacon, Staff Retreat Office Closed	22 Elder, Deacon, Staff Retreat 10:00am Jarnes Recycling at First Baptist Church 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only)
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30 Reformation Sunday 9:10am Adult Education 10:30am Worship 5:00pm MYC Halloween Party 6:00pm Investment Club	31 9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club	1 All Saints Day 9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 10:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Building & Grounds Team	2 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast (take out only) 10:00am Bible Study 1:30pm Stewardship, Budget,& Finance Team 5:30pm Women's AA Group	3 9:30am Women in the Word 3:30pm Mission Team 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	4 Office Closed 4:00pm Creative Expressions 5:00pm MYC Lockout (Inside)	5 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only)

Musically, we did something just a bit odd on Sunday. Did you wonder what was going on? We sang "How Firm a Foundation" to the tune of "O Come, All Ye Faithful". What?? Why??

In church hymnals one will find all sorts of tunes with different words than we are used to. For instance, if one looks in our hymnal at the tune "Beach Spring", we see there are THREE different sets of words to the same tune. "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters", a Baptism hymn; "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken", a Communion hymn; and "God, Whose Giving Knows" No Ending", a stewardship hymn. Same tune, but different words.

But sometimes tunes are changed on purpose, as it was in our case, to cause a worshipper to think, to be aware of the words just a bit more, to emphasize different words to slightly change the meaning's emphasis, and to help the worshipper attend to the words of the hymn just a bit more than usual.

A famous tune to do this with is "Antioch". The music, by Handel of Messiah fame, is usually sung with the words, "Joy to the World". But, have you ever tried to sing "Amazing Grace" to this tune? Completely a different way to look at the words. I've also heard "Amazing Grace" sung to "The House of the Rising Sun". It works! There are several interchangeable tunes and words. As long as this "trick" is not overused, it can make an impact in worship.

Speaking of impact, both Choir and Handbell Choir have begun rehearsals. You'd make a HUGE impact if you decided to join either one. Short termers are welcome. Four-six week commitments are absolutely welcomed. Contact Marcia at 971-387-6183 if you have questions about rehearsals times and such.

Pictures of the Music Potluck held September 8 on a perfectly beautiful day.



Music Ministry



Earth Care Corner

James Recycling Event

Saturday, October 22nd, from 10:00 am - 1pm, James Recycling will be at the First Baptist Church. The cost is \$4 for presorted bags. Check the James Recycling Website, jshrecycling.com, to see how to sort by categories.

To make it a bit more cost effective, on Thursday, October 20th at 4:00 pm at FPC, you can bring your bags of presorted plastic and combine your bags with others. We will share the \$4 per bag cost.

Meet James





James, age 24, was diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome (a form of high-functioning Autism) at age four.

James has found his passion in protecting the environment and the welfare of animals. James' Neighborhood Recycling Service helps James understand the powerful impact that recycling can have, and gives him the opportunity to provide customers with a many challenges and is an amazing young man.

Six years ago, August, 2016

Every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday morning, you would find James along the streets of the Portland Bridlemile neighborhood, hopping in and out of his mom's SUV, collecting buckets full of all sorts of stuff.

A new kind of recycling service popped up in Southwest Portland called James' Neighborhood Recycling Service.

James Harris, an 18-year-old who loves recycling, wanted to do his part to protect our environment. So he, with the help of his mom Kathi Goldman, started a service that allows customers to recycle things the city doesn't allow you to recycle curbside, such as plastic.

Since he was a young kid, James has loved to recycle. So Kathi thought why not make a career out of it. She knew her son's options were limited. That's because James has autism.

"If I wanted him to be self-sufficient, I really didn't see an opportunity for him to be able to do that with what's out there," said Kathi. Kathi said school was a challenge for James, but when it came to recycling, he was a natural.

"I've always liked recycling and always wanted to help in some ways help the Earth," James explained.

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October

Autumn Steinman	1st
Zella Hisaw	2nd
Keller Shea	2nd
June Burgess	3rd
Sara DeMaster Smith	4th
Eric Chroust-Masin	5th
Fianna DeMaster Smith	n 7th
Thatcher Barlow	8th
Sonja Soderlund	8th
Shirley Cushing	9th
Ron Miller	11th
Carley Bushart	12th
Tim Shuler	13th
Pam Jackson	15th
Mona Ornelas-Staneck	18th
Curtis Bushart	19th
Kaylyn Haworth	19th
Rosie Greene	23rd
Roald Berg	26th
Kendra Garrettson	26th
Bev Steely	26th
Margaret Wallace	26th
Bill McArdle	28th



Memorial Service

There will be a **Memorial Service on Saturday, October 8th at 10:30 am for Gus Carstensen.** Gus passed away on August 16, 2022.

All in the Family



October 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. Brian & Dianne Shea, Keller & Cate
- 2. World Communion
- 3. Kidventure
- 4. Ken Sherwood
- 5. Sandra Sherwood
- 6. Tim & Wendy Shuler, Matie
- 7. Marvin & Eileen Slater
- 8. Community Dinner
- 9. Scott Smith & Sara DeMaster Smith, Christian & Fianna
- 10. David Staneck & Mona Ornelas-Staneck, Jillian
- 11. Deacons
- 12. Pat Stanfield
- 13. Simon & Bev Steely
- 14. Chris Steinman & Mandy Burnside, Autumn & Hunter
- 15. Mike & Cathy Stephens
- 16. Dolores Sterling
- 17. Marin Sterling
- 18. Teagan Sterling
- 19. Session
- 20. Marcia Stratman
- 21. Sandra Thomas
- 22. Elder, Deacon, Staff Retreat
- 23. Luna Thompson-Aue
- 24. Alison Thomson, Arabella & Abram
- 25. Kent & Star Thomson
- 26. Dale & Carolyn Tomlinson
- 27. Cliff & Kelly Van Horn
- 28. Arthur Van Uchelen
- 29. Paul & Anneke Van Uchelen
- 30. Fred & Renee Vorm

Nuts & Bolts



FINANCIAL REPORT (Operating Fund)

August	Act	ual,	Budget		
Receipts:	\$ 34,396	10.0%	\$ 28,625	8.3%	
Expenses:	30,771	7.6%	33,841	8.3%	
Year to Date Receipts: \$ Expenses:	231,010		\$ 229,115 268,859		

Receipts were above budget and expenses were below budgeted expectations as we again this month reduced the YTD deficit.

Thank you for your continued support.

Session Highlights

Action taken and information items are summarized for the Portfolio monthly. Here are highlights of the September 21st meeting:

- 1. Session welcomed Matt back from his sabbatical.
- 2. Session voted and approved taking the Portfolio digital. This will begin in November. Not to worry though, there will be several copies available for those who prefer paper, and if you still prefer a mailed copy, please let the office know.
- 3. Session approved the purchase of a new projector and video board.
- 4. Plans are underway for this year's stewardship campaign. More information to come in the next few weeks.

Cheerful Givers: We want to hear your story!

Do you find joy in giving, whether to the church or other ways? If so, we want to hear what makes you a cheerful giver. Please share and submit your personal experience with stewardship via [email address] or [enews link] by October 16, or simply drop it off at the church office. The Stewardship Team would love to hear your testimony for inspiration on Stewardship Sunday October 23.

2 Corinthians 9: 6-9, "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

Portfolio is Going Digital

Beginning in November 2022 the Portfolio will be going digital. An email will be sent out when the Portfolio is completed with a link to access it on our website. Please be sure the church office has your current email address if you want to receive this notification.

You can always go to our website and find the latest newsletter, under the "News" tab.

A few paper copies will be available by the Welcome Kiosk for you to pickup if you do not use email.

If you prefer a paper copy and are unable to pick one up at the church, please contact the church office.

Earth Care Corner continued

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Kathi remembers when James first became focused – maybe even obsessed – with recycling. "He was reading about climate change and saw this picture of a polar bear on an iceberg and wanted to know what he could do," said Goldman. "He liked to dig through our trash and get out recyclables and I thought [he] could really do this for other people."

James' behavioral consultant, Mardi Gotesman, was skeptical about the idea at first. "I never said it's not going to happen," Gotesman said. "But I was definitely weary of - I don't know if this could really happen." Gotesman has been working with James since he was ten years old. She said it has been difficult, at times, to get him to focus. "Lot of behavioral issues, communication issues," Gotesman said. "It was challenging to go anywhere with James." But, she said, those past problems just make seeing James succeed all the sweeter. "That's the most important - more than the environment or the money I think – the pride within him is the biggest piece," Gotesman said.

James' mom agrees. "[James] has a job that he loves and he's good at," Goldman said. "I know that he'll have a future [doing] something that he loves and it is peace of mind for me."

Plastic Sorting 101

DOES IT HAVE A NUMBER? Notice the letters of each number. some numbers may be hard to read, so letters are helpful in identifying what's what.

#1s PET, PETE, R-PET Clear only. No colors! Nest all clamshells in similar shape stacks. Other #1's nest and stack.

#2s HDPE

Only vitamin bottles accepted must fit through a paper towel tube.

#4s LDPE

Some numbers are tiny and in the groove. You may need a magnifying glass.

#5s PP

To go containers, nest and stack and prescription bottles. (Caps go with all other screw-on caps.)

#6s

All Styrofoam containers must be marked #6. Nest and stack.

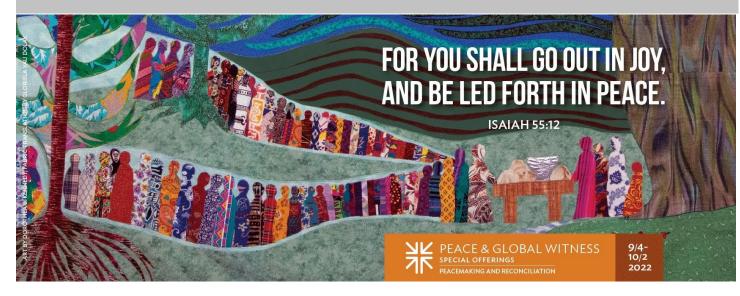
No Number?

Bag all of these separately: straws, utensils, bread bag clips, scotch tape dispensers, CD and cassette cases, screw-on and flip top lids.

NO COMPOSTABLE ANYTHING!

Happy Sorting!

Peace & Global Witness Offering



On World Communion Sunday, October 2, 2022, we celebrate that Christ's peace extends throughout all creation. Whenever the church gathers for worship, we are assured of Christ's peace. We celebrate that we are connected, we are loved and we are not alone. We worship together and are fed from Scripture and at Christ's table of peace. Extending the peace is part of an active, engaged faith--a witness to what it means for us to be the Church, together.

Through participation in the Peace & Global Witness Offering, our church is extending Christ's peace throughout our community and our world. We begin at the communion table, with our siblings in every time and place, and we celebrate the peace we find there and commit to building a more just and peaceful world. God's peace, empowered by God's joy, reminds us tat we are connected to each other. We are not alone. Peace begins with each of us.

Please make checks payable to "FPC" and note for Peace Offering. There are envelopes in the pews to use on Sunday or you can go online to give. If we all do a little, it adds up to a lot!

Presbyterian Church Bazaar

Coming soon...Presbyterian Church Bazaar! November 11th, 10am-5pm and November 12th, 9am - noon.

Featuring: Presbyterian Soup, homemade pies, cinnamon rolls, baked goods, crafts, gifts, Raffle Baskets, and fellowship.

We have begun signups for volunteers after worship on Sundays to bake pies, help prepare the soup, bring in baked goods, cashier, set up, clean up. and to take a shift on the sales floor or in the kitchen.

Please contact Ann Widen, Mary Ellen Fleeger, or Nancy MacDonald if you have any questions or to sign up.

Children, Youth, & Family

CHILDREN'S T Sundays at 10:30am

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

October 2: Communion October 9: The Story of Noah October 16: Tower of Babel October 23: A Great Family October 30: Sarah Laughs

OCTOBER KIDVENTURE NOURISHING THE BODY, HEART, AND FAITH OF CHILDREN October 3 Noah: Noah is faithful God is faithful

<u>October 17</u> Abraham: <u>October 24</u> Abraham: Abraham: <u>October 31</u> Halloween

> MONDAYS @ 5:15-6:30pm AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CHILDREN PreK - 5th GRADE

NO KIDVENTURE





Sept 30- Oct 2: Middle School Beach Retreat NO Youth Group

> October 9: Youth Group @ FPC MS 5-6:30pm, HS 6-7:30pm

October 14: Matinee Movie + Lunch @ 3rd Street Pizza

October 16: Youth Group @ FPC MS 5-6:30pm, HS 6-7:30pm

October 23: Youth Group @ FPC MS 5-6:30pm, HS 6-7:30pm

October 27: Dinner @ Tacos El Gordo MS & HS 6-7pm

October 30: Halloween Party @ FPC MS & HS 5-6:30pm

What we've been up to IN SEPTEMBER

Our **CHILDREN'S TIME** is off to a great start this program year. Mrs. Custer has creatively lead the kids through the story of creation with music, crafts, activities, and Bible readings.

This year we are excited to welcome the kids from First Baptist Church to join us for our **KIDVENTURE** time. We are now meeting weekly! We explored the days of creation. We talked about how God gave us the earth to take care of and the story of Adam and Eve. We learned that God will never leave us.

We partnered with First Baptist Church to give parents the night off with **PARENTS NIGHT OUT**.

The **McMINNVILLE YOUTH COLLECTIVE** kicked off the program year with donut themed games. We explored the need for both charity and justice. We wrapped up the month with a High School Beach retreat and Middle School Beach retreat, both at Rockaway Beach.