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Upon Further Reflection

Spring Cleaning

Breathe deeply and smell the fresh air – spring is here! This is the time when many of us begin to look askance at the dingy build-up that has accumulated around our yards, homes, closets, and drawers over the winter. The grime and clutter have been there for a while, but now we see it with renewed energy. The change of seasons brings light into our homes, flowers into our landscape, and a bit less rain in our skies. We have the hope of summer in our hearts. The confluence of all these streams of energy gives rise to the phenomenon known as “spring cleaning.”

The power of this moment is that spring cleaning has a very positive connotation. “Cleaning” on its own is met with a much more middling response, but mention “spring cleaning” and you will brighten someone’s eyes. Do you resonate with the description of spring in this passage from Song of Songs 2:11-13?

*“See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.
Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves is heard in our land.
The fig tree forms its early fruit; the blossoming vines spread their fragrance.
Arise, come, my darling; my beautiful one, come with me.” (NIV)*

This passage reveals that our emotional connection to this time of year stretches back across millennia.

I think it is fitting that “Spring Cleaning” generally takes place in the weeks surrounding Easter Sunday. The function of Lent, Holy Week, and Easter is to recognize the deep cleansing and renewing work of Christ’s life, death, and resurrection. We come through on the other side reminded that death doesn’t have the last word. We are assured of our own forgiveness and wholeness through the work of God in Christ. By God’s grace and love, we are clean within. A beautiful way to express our spiritual vitality is to make things clean and fresh in our lived environments as well.

So as you engage in spring cleaning (or begin to think about diving in), I encourage you to let it be a spiritual practice. With this cleansing and ordering, we can express the good work that God has done (and continues to do) in us and in the whole created world. Thanks be to God for this indescribable gift!

Pastor Matt Johnson

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.

Prayer Requests

Contact Carley Bushart at
503-560-0183 or prayer@fpc-mac.org

Sabbatical Pastoral Supply

We are grateful to Rev. Steve Parker for agreeing to serve in the role of Sabbatical Pastoral Supply for the summer while Pastor Matt is on sabbatical. Pastor Steve was the senior pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Grants Pass, OR for 39 years prior to serving as the Presbytery's Interim Communication Coordinator for six years. He will preach, administer communion, moderate session meetings, and (as schedule allows) is available for memorial services as well. He will also be preaching on May 15th as an introduction to the congregation. To know Pastor Steve a little better, here's a sample of how he describes his approach to ministry:

"As a young man I felt a call to ministry and pursued that call soon after graduation from college. During forty years plus of ordination, I particularly focused on worship, preaching, teaching, youth ministry and mission work. A passion for working with congregations through the Committee on Ministry and as staff of the Presbytery of the Cascades has also characterized ministry. My philosophy of preaching is to speak in plain language, interpreting the rich treasures of scripture and addressing the common concerns of modern life. Working closely with the music staff of the church has always been a deep interest of mine, and as a musician I thoroughly enjoyed helping lead worship."

Please pray for Pastor Steve, our staff, and the Worship and Music Team as they begin to coordinate plans for this summer.

Adult Ed

Adult Education Class Sundays at 9:00 am

The May 1st Adult Ed program will discuss "Sponsorship of Refugees" and will be on Zoom. Jan Irish, Lou Savage, and Fred Gregory will report on FPC's efforts, in collaboration with Reedwood Friends Church, to help and support an Afghan refugee family. The story has a happy ending!

On May 8th, Pastor Matt Johnson will lead a review of "What Did We Learn from Laundry Love Day?" also on Zoom.

For the remainder of May, Adult Ed will evaluate the option of remaining on Zoom or returning to in-person classes. Watch the enews and email for current information.

On May 15th and 22nd, Rich Custer will lead a discussion of "Creeds and Confessions."

May 29th Adult Ed will begin a series on "Life After Life," with readings from scripture and literature on the afterlife.

Scholarships



It's that time again for applications to be submitted for the church scholarships. The application forms will be available by May 1st on the church's website (fpc-mac.org) or upon request to Nancy MacDonald (nancym@fpc-mac.org) for email or hard copy. Completed applications are due in the church office no later than June 1st.

If you are planning on attending an accredited university, college, vocational school, or seminary AND are a member of FPC, then the Ruby Shelton application is the one for you.

If you are planning on entering or continuing a church vocation such as ordained ministry, Christian education, or missionary field AND are an active participant of FPC or under the care of or a member of a Presbytery, then consider the O. Emerson Washburn scholarship.

Ongoing Activities

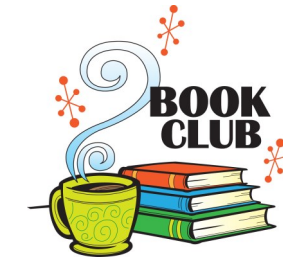
creative expressions.

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 May 6th.**

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



Communion Sundays May 1st & 15th



Social Justice Book Club

Our next read will be *Four Hundred Souls: Parts 4-6* by Ibram X. Kendi. We will meet in May, date to be determined, on Zoom.

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

Weekly Bible Study on Zoom

The weekly Bible study, led by Pastor Matt, that meets on Wednesday mornings on Zoom, will be taking a break for the month of May and through August while Pastor Matt is on Sabbatical.

We will meet again in the Fall!

Presbyterian Women



Sarah Circle

May 10th 5:30 pm
Member's home

Agape Circle

May 18th 9:30 am
Knox Room at the Church
Devotions:
Lesson 8: Linda Mihnos

Priscilla Circle

May 23rd 6:30 pm
Salad Potluck
Hostess: Marilyn Enger
(meet at church at 6:00 pm to carpool)
Lesson 9: Jan Irish

DONATE YOUR BOTTLES AND CANS TO The McMinnville Youth Collective

2 WAYS TO DONATE:



Take your cans and bottles to any BOTTLE DROP location. Bring your reimbursement receipt to the counter and ask that it go to "First Presbyterian Church McMinnville"

Get a blue bag from Kate. Fill the bag with your cans and bottles. Simply drop the blue bag off at any BOTTLE DROP location where they will count the cans and credit our account.

Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Communion 9:00 AM Adult Education on Zoom 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM MYC Middle School Youth 6:00 PM MYC High School Youth	2 9:00 AM Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00 PM Oak Valley Bridge Club 4:00 PM Creative Arts Team	3 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM Building & Grounds Team	4 8:30 AM Wednesday Breakfast (take out only) 5:00 PM Stewardship, Budget & Finance Team on Zoom 5:30 PM Women's AA Group 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	5 Marcia on vacation National Day of Prayer 3:30 PM Mission Team	6 Marcia on vacation Nancy on vacation Office Closed Pastor's Sabbath Day 10:00 AM MYC Movie & Lunch 4:00 PM Creative Expressions	7 Marcia on vacation 5:00 PM Community Dinner (take out only)
8 Marcia on vacation Mother's Day 9:00 AM Adult Education on Zoom 10:30 AM Worship	9 Marcia on vacation 9:00 AM Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00 PM Oak Valley Bridge Club	10 Marcia on vacation 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Kidventure 5:30 PM Sarah Circle 6:00 PM Deacons	11 Marcia on vacation 8:30 AM Wednesday Breakfast (take out only) 5:30 PM Women's AA Group	12 Marcia on vacation 2:00 PM Worship & Music Ministry Team	13 Marcia on vacation Office Closed Pastor's Sabbath Day	14 Marcia on vacation 5:00 PM Community Dinner (take out only)
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22 9:00 AM Adult Education on Zoom 10:30 AM Worship 5:00 PM MYC Middle School Youth 6:00 PM MYC High School Youth	23 9:00 AM Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00 PM Oak Valley Bridge Club 7:00 PM Priscilla Circle	24 8:30 AM Earth Care Committee 10:00 AM Staff Meeting 5:30 PM Kidventure Circle	25 Portfolio 8:30 AM Wednesday Breakfast (take out only) 1:30 PM Portfolio Crew 5:30 PM Women's AA Group 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	26 11:00 AM Earth Care Labyrinth Event 6:00 PM MYC Dinner	27 Office Closed Pastor's Sabbath Day	28 5:00 PM Community Dinner (take out only)
29 9:00 AM Adult Education on Zoom 10:30 AM Worship	30 Memorial Day Office Closed 12:00 PM Oak Valley Bridge Club	31 10:00 AM Staff Meeting	1 8:30 AM Wednesday Breakfast (take out only) 5:00 PM Stewardship, Budget & Finance Team on Zoom 5:30 PM Women's AA Group 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal	2 3:30 PM Mission Team	3 Office Closed 4:00 PM Creative Expressions	4 5:00 PM Community Dinner (take out only)

Creative Arts

We are looking for Mixed Media Artists, Paper Artists, Glass Artists, and Poets for our next Annex Show!

In July and August the Creative Arts Team would like to host an Annex Gallery show featuring the artists of First Presbyterian Church. This show would include:

Mixed Media Art

Paper Art

Collage
Origami
Mandala
Quilling
3D Paper Pictures



Glass Work

Stained Glass
Fused Glass
Mosaic Glass

Plus, if you are a **POET** and would like to frame some of your poetry, we'd love to have it as part of the next Annex Show.

Any artwork that is submitted **MUST** have a wire on the back and ready to be hung on the wall. Note: 3-D Glass vessels will be displayed on pedestals and do not require a wire.

Pick up a Submission Form from the Church Office, Dianne Barske or Danna Bone. Please contact Danna (dboned@pacbell.net) or Dianne (eldibarske@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Please return your Submission Form by June 20th and have your art to the church by June 27th.

Mission

Getting to Know our Latino Neighbors

There are several ways that congregation members can support Unidos Bridging Community and our Latinx community. FPC has supported Unidos for a number of years. They advocate for Latino immigrant families and work to build bridges of support and understanding.

Unidos has been holding monthly vaccination clinics in areas of the county where there are low vaccination rates. Volunteers are needed to do things like setting up and taking down, wiping down clip boards, or passing out toys to children.

On May 15th Unidos will be cooperating with several other organizations to drive in caravan to the Tacoma detention center. The Caravan will bring attention to the plight of immigrants being held there. Since detentions centers are for-profit companies, they have little incentive to move the

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migrants on. The Caravan will also remind legislators to appropriate funds where needed and reform some existing unfair laws. It would be great to have FPC represented in this Caravan of cars promoting justice.

In the fall Unidos will begin their Citizenship classes again and they are looking for teachers. Volunteers don't need teaching experience as they will just be guiding participants through their workbooks. Unidos provides training, and experience as a helper, to get you started. The commitment is only for four sessions! (They have both an English and a Spanish class so you can help in the language of your choice)

Another volunteer opportunity is helping with data entry that you can do from home. Whatever your interest, there is a way to help. These are some great opportunities to get to know our neighbors. For more information email info@unidosyamhillcounty.org.

Our Partner: Yamhill County Gospel Mission (The Mission)



The April meeting of the Mission Ministry Team convened at the facilities of the Yamhill County Gospel Mission (The Mission), one of our longtime partners. The team conducted their meeting in the newer Men's Facility (very impressive) and we were hosted by Kaye Sawyer, Executive Director of The Mission. Kaye provided background information about The Mission and led us on a nice tour of the three buildings at this location (corner of 14th and Logan Street).



This facility is providing a valuable service to disadvantaged or homeless people in our community and is helping First Presbyterian live out the Matthew 25 charge we received from Jesus. "When did we feed you, clothe you, shelter you, Lord? Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters, you did it unto me".

The Mission is changing lives and providing physical, emotional, and spiritual revitalization of hundreds of its clients every year. They provide short-term and long-term (up to 30 days) lodging and meals, overnight lodging, and a cold weather shelter for many of our friends who find themselves in difficult circumstances.

Our church supports The Mission not only through your pledges but by "loaning" two of our members, Dave Haugeberg and Dave Widen, to The Mission Board of Directors. Your pledges over the years have helped our church support local missions such as The Mission. Thank you.

All in the Family cont.



May

Mary Ellen Fleeger	1st
Eve Dewan	4th
Dick Enger	5th
Dianne Shea	5th
Wanda McAlister	6th
Dave Widen	7th
Kirsten Lund	9th
Ardith Sears	9th
Mason Speer	9th
Faye Kenyon	10th
Christian DeMaster Smith	11th
Randy Naef	11th
Marissa Branson	12th
Ann Custer	13th
Arthur Van Uchelen	13th
Brian Dailey	15th
Caleb Johnson Soderlund	16th
Abram Thomson	20th
Leslie Copeland	21st
Tom MacDonald	21st
Lori Burton	24th
Ken Sherwood	25th
Mike Stephens	25th
Nicole Amuzu	27th
Carole Hansen	28th
Matt Johnson	28th
George Barker	29th



May 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. Dan Willis
2. Dave & Ruth Willis
3. Building & Grounds Ministry Team
4. Bill Wittenberg
5. Betty Younker
6. Nicole Amuzu, Ayele
7. Community Dinner
8. Thomas & Joyce Archibald
9. Ann Austin
10. Deacons
11. Cindy Badley
12. Gordon & Becky Badley
13. George & Nancy Barker
14. BJ & Christina Barlow, Oliver, Lucas, & Thatcher
15. Elliott & Dianne Barske
16. Roald & Linda Berg
17. Jim Black
18. Session
19. Herb Blasier
20. Sue Blum
21. Stewart & Danna Bone
22. Marissa Branson
23. Kris & Gretchen Brunner, Aaron & Gus
24. Kidventure
25. June Burgess
26. Mike & Lori Burton
27. John Bush & Pam Jackson
28. Curtis & Carley Bushart
29. Kennedy Bushart
30. Kinsey Bushart
31. Colin & Candice Cameron

Nuts & Bolts

DOLLAR\$&CENTS

FINANCIAL REPORT (Operating Fund)

March:	Actual	Budget
Receipts:	\$ 24,979 7.2%	\$ 28,625 8.3%
Expenses:	31,982 7.9%	33,841 8.3%

Year to Date:		
Receipts:	\$ 78,063 22.7%	\$ 85,875 25.0%
Expenses:	98,235 24.4%	100,772 25.0%

Receipts were below budget for the month and expenses slightly under. The YTD deficit for the first quarter is \$ 20,172.

Thank you for your continued support.

Community Dinner Receives Funds from First Federal's Customer Ballot Program

Once again, customers of First Federal have voted to share a portion of the Customer Ballots Program with the Community Dinner. We received \$381 this year. To date, through this program, the Community Dinner has received a total of \$5,567.79. Thank you to all who voted for the Community Dinner and to First Federal!



Nancy will be on vacation Friday, May 6th.

Marcia will be on vacation Thursday, May 5th through Sunday, May 15th.



Monday, May 30th, Memorial Day

Session Highlights

Action taken and information items are summarized for the Portfolio monthly. Here are highlights of the April 20th meeting:

- Session voted to allow more congregational singing during Sunday services.
- Voted to allow food again that is provided by congregation members or others to be served.
- Discussions have begun on how to mitigate and hopefully resolve the budget deficit that we are projected to have over the next few years.

All in the Family



We welcome

Daxton Martin Chroust-Masin

Born on April 8, 2022 to parents, Shanda Tryon & Eric Chroust-Masin.

Grandparents, Martin & Monika Chroust-Masin, Aunt Nicole Amuzu and cousin Ayele Amuzu are thrilled.



With Deepest Sympathy

Our church family extends our deepest sympathy to the family of

Liz Parker

Liz passed away on March 27, 2022 at the Rock of Ages.

May God grant comfort and peace to her loved ones.

Earth Care Corner

May 26th - SEEDLING GIVE-AWAY event on the Labyrinth, Thursday, May 26th from 11 am-3 pm (during Thursday Farmers Market). This will be a free give-away of garden and/or landscape seedlings grown by members or friends of our church. We will give away left over puzzles from our event last year. This is an extension our Earth Day celebration. Visit our tents at 11 am then walk to Thursday Market which opens at 12 noon.

In spite of pouring rain and blowing winds, we had fun, last year, visiting with our church family and reaching out to the local community. By growing our own gardens and purchasing local produce we tread lightly on God's earth.

June 4th – McMinnville Recycled Art and Sustainable Living Festival sponsored by Zero Waste at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds. View and/or purchase recycled art by local artists. Bring your **James Recycling** items from 10 am -2 pm. Cost is \$4 per grocery bag of plastics. Similar items should be bagged together by number. Caps should be bagged in a separate sack. Those with numbers include **1**, clear clamshells, cups; **2,4,5** and **6**, such as hot drink cups and lids, prescription pill bottles, small plant pots, and small tubs (For more specifics, check the James Recycling website).

Earth Care input from our church family

Star Thomson has been taking the OSU Extension, Master Gardener Class. She shared the following gardening tip:

Coconut coir is an earth friendly product which can be used instead of products containing peat. Coconut coir is the woody outer husks essentially the waste product of coconut milk and coconut flesh. This byproduct can be used to make compressed soils and mulches for gardening. Coconuts are a highly renewable resource—they can be harvested every 75 days without harming the tree, and a single tree can produce up to 150 coconuts per year.

Traditionally, peat moss is used in gardening as a soil amendment. However, it typically takes up to 220 years to replace one year of peat moss harvested from peat bogs.

PlantBest coconut coir gardening product comes in a block which can be soaked with water in a wheelbarrow for 10 minutes. It breaks apart and expands six times in size. This product can be purchased in Costco warehouses and Costco.com (Information taken from April Costco Connection Magazine)



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

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!



Endowment Committee

The Endowment Fund fiscal year was completed on 3/31/2022. A distribution of \$24,000.00 was authorized. Special Funds will receive amounts as listed below. Anyone with questions regarding the Endowment Fund can contact a committee member.

The Funds are venues which create lasting legacies to support various aspects of our Church's mission.

George Barker, Chair
Dale Tomlinson
Sandy Sherwood

Endowment Funds Disbursement for year 2021-22

Account #	Endowment Fund	Amount
2100	John B. Housley Memorial Lectureship Fund	\$ 139.38
1100	Non-Designated	\$ 6,467.88
3095	General Mission	\$ 177.25
3096	Community Mission	\$ 46.64
3097	Hodges Local Mission	\$ 839.44
3099	Palmquist Local Mission	\$ 369.62
3098	Shelton Community Mission	\$ 33.28
2099	Ramsey Music & Arts	\$ 768.47
1102	O. Emerson Washburn Scholarship Fund	\$ 413.64
1101	Ruby Shelton Scholarship Fund	\$11,312.74
4009	Landscape Maintenance Fund Wyly Clark/Mina Redmond	\$ 696.27
4099	Building Fund	\$ 381.19
5099	Rossner Youth Ministries	\$ 726.85
3094	Marie Duerst Memorial	\$ 1,225.48
5095	Jean & Ethan Dale Children Ministry	\$ 273.86
7000	W. J. Mitchell & Chegwyn History Fund	\$ 128.01
	Total	\$24,000.00

Cascade Presbyterian Family Camp

Want to share an awesome experience with your family this summer? Come join us at the 2022 Cascade Presbyterian Family Camp, July 24th to 30th at Honeyman State Park (just south of Florence). Family Camp is a non-denominational Christian Event where families gather to camp on the beautiful Oregon coast for a week that has been happening for over 50 years! Activities are planned for various age groups. For information or to register go to cpfamilycamp.org. Tent & trailer sites are still available.

Children, Youth, & Family

CHILDREN'S TIME

SUNDAY @ 10:30AM
Children are invited
to worship & will be
excused to Children's Time

May 1: COMMUNION
No Children's Time

May 8: Colossians

May 15: 1 & 2 Thessalonians

May 22: 1 & 2 Timothy

May 29: Titus

MAY KIDVENTURE

games-music-dinner-story-craft

MAY 10
THE GOOD SHEPARD
& WORLD COMMUNION

MAY 24
PENTECOST

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



McMinnville Youth Collective

MAY

May 1: Youth Group

May 6: Event: Matinee Movie + Lunch
@ 3rd Street Pizza

May 8: NO Youth Group
Mother's Day

May 15: Youth Group

May 22: Youth Group

May 26: Dinner @ Gerald's

May 29: NO Youth Group
Memorial Day Weekend



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

What we've been up to
IN MARCH

In **CHILDREN'S TIME** we learned about the books of Ephesians and Philippians. We also practiced a handbells piece that we played on Easter. We had an epic Easter Egg Hunt and decorated Easter cupcakes

In **KIDVENTURE** we learned how the life of Jesus lead to Easter. After Easter Jesus called his followers to share his message. We learned how the Easter Egg is a way of sharing the message.

The **McMinnville Youth Collective** spent April talking about caring for the Earth. We even hosted a movie night for our congregations to watch *Youth V Gov*. We had a high energy late night game night and met for dinner at Sandwich Express

