



Presbyterian Portfolio

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Upon Further Reflection

On the Threshold of Something New?

Spring is a transitional season. It delights us with signs of transformation and opportunity as we move from winter to summer. But spring is also a time of bewildering weather: Snow in March? Ice in April? Dark clouds and rain? Ah – here comes the sun!

This mix of goodness, difficulty, and wondering makes springtime a mixed bag. These qualities also describe times of transition in other parts of our lives. When we move from one situation to another, we always pass through a threshold where we are neither fully in the previous situation nor fully in the new one. Sometimes these threshold periods are brief – just a matter of days or weeks. But when we go through big changes the transition time can be months or years.

You can likely identify some changes in your personal life that have taken some time to accommodate and understand.

The Covid-19 pandemic introduced big changes into our world. That came on top of turbulent political rhetoric, increasing climate change, and near constant technological changes (which now includes artificial intelligence). All of these factors accelerated changes in the church that impact church attendance, identity, public perception, and finances. Many keen observers believe the confluence of these factors has brought both society and the church to the threshold of a new epoch.

In her book, *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going*, Susan Beaumont reflects on the new epoch that is on the way. She writes, "Some new ways are emerging, but we do not yet know what the new world order will be. We are surrounded by prophetic voices trying to point a way forward, but it is not yet clear which pathways we should follow and which we should be wary of."

Times like this are tiring and full of challenges. At the same time, they present opportunities to let go of things that have stopped working and experiment with new ideas for community, ministry, and mission. Over the next few months I will explore more of what Beaumont has to say about how to make the most of these times of transition. Fortunately, for all that changes, much also remains the same. So make bouquets of tulips, look for rainbows, breathe the sweet air, and stomp around in the rain during this Spring season. Change can be beautiful.

Pastor Matt Johnson

Good news! I have completed my Doctor of Ministry degree thesis and will present the project findings to the seminary and wider community on **Wed., May 3rd at 11:00AM**. You are welcome to join by Zoom -- just ask Nancy in the church office for a Zoom link. Or come in person to the church for a "watch party" in the Henderson Room. Bring a lunch or snacks as it will run 1 to 2 hours. I'm so grateful for the personal and financial support of the church over the past five years of study -- it has been a great experience and I could not have done it without you!

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

Our Connectional Worship is on the 4th Sunday of the month.



Communion Sundays May 7th & May 21st



Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

Join us on **Sunday, April 30th from 9-10:00 am** for pancakes, bacon, fruit, and beverages to support our music program. From 9:45-10:20 am there will be children's activities and the nursery will be open.

We have had large repair costs for our piano and bells in the past year and want to rebuild our music funds. You can make a direct contribution by writing a check to FPC and writing "bells" on the memo line.

Adult Education Class



Adult Education meets at 9:10 a.m. most Sundays in Calvin Hall West. All are welcome.

April 30th - Adult Education won't meet so everyone can support the fundraising Pancake Breakfast.

May 7th - Professional artist Monica Setziol-Phillips will speak about her creative process. This spring her intricate Folk Tale Paper Cuts were displayed in the Narthex Gallery. This is an opportunity to learn about her working philosophy and ask questions of the artist.

May 14th - Come and meet Jeremy Richards who is the University Chaplain at Linfield. He will be sharing some key insights he's gained recently from working with young adults. Everyone is welcome to join in this group conversation with Rev. Richards.

May 21st - The El Salvador travel team has returned with much to report about what they did and learned in El Salvador. Come hear from Pastor Matt Johnson, Lou Savage, Jan Irish and Bob Irish.

May 28th - Cheryl Seagren recently presented aspects of her work with children at an international conference. She will share some of her expert knowledge of play therapy.

The summer break for Adult Education will extend from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Thank-you to all who participated recently by contributing insights, anecdotes, and laughter. Special thanks to those who led one or more of the meetings and generously shared their life experiences.

Endowment Committee

The Endowment Committee is pleased to announce its annual distribution for fiscal year 2022. An amount of \$22,200 will be dispersed to designated special fund accounts. The chart below indicates the amounts and the funds receiving support.

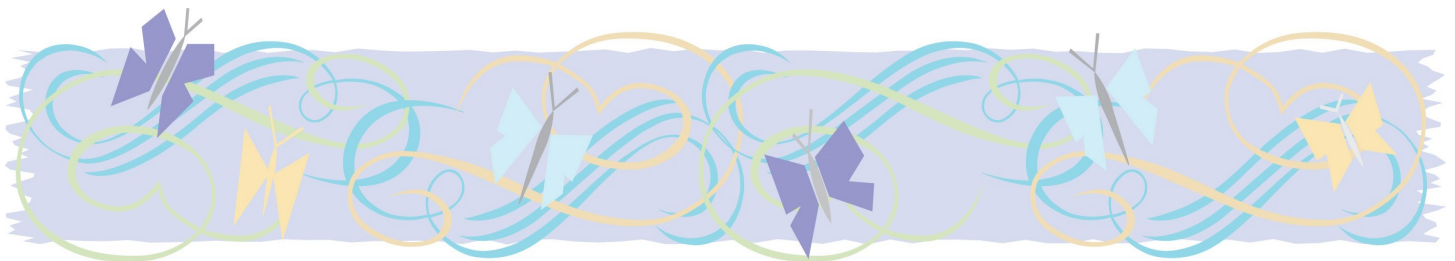
Endowments represent legacies from donors who provide ongoing support for a variety of concerns including: Mission, Music, History, Education, Youth, and the general operating budget.

More information can be obtained from George Barker, John Bush, and Sandra Sherwood.

Also, watch for an announcement regarding a Legacy Giving Seminar coming in August.

Endowment Funds Disbursement for year 2022-23

Account #	Endowment Fund	Amount
2100	John B. Housley Memorial Lectureship Fund	\$ 128.93
1100	Non-Designated	\$ 5,982.79
3095	General Mission	\$ 163.96
3096	Community Mission	\$ 43.14
3097	Hodges Local Mission	\$ 776.48
3099	Palmquist Local Mission	\$ 341.90
3098	Shelton Community Mission	\$ 30.78
2099	Ramsey Music & Arts	\$ 710.84
1102	O. Emerson Washburn Scholarship Fund	\$ 382.61
1101	Ruby Shelton Scholarship Fund	\$10,464.28
4009	Landscape Maintenance Fund Wyly Clark/Mina Redmond	\$ 644.05
4099	Building Fund	\$ 352.60
5099	Rossner Youth Ministries	\$ 672.34
3094	Marie Duerst Memorial	\$ 1,133.57
5095	Jean & Ethan Dale Children Ministry	\$ 253.32
7000	W. J. Mitchell & Chegwyn History Fund	\$ 118.41
	Total	\$22,200.00



PW Cookbook

LET'S MAKE A COOKBOOK TOGETHER!

Everyone is invited to share 3 or 4 of their favorite recipes! The Presbyterian Women are gathering recipes and putting together a cookbook from the congregation. These recipes can be family favorites or tasty dishes you have tried and loved!

We encourage a variety of entries which could include the following: meatless, vegan, instant pot, crockpot, gluten-free, and dairy-free. **Add your name. Give credit to others (recipes from the internet) if you haven't changed anything in the original.**

There are three ways to share:

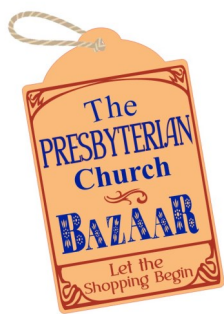
- 1) Use the online Fundcraft/1st Presbyterian website:
<https://fundcraft.com/fundraising-cookbooks/index.asp>. Fundcraft Web ID 143-23RM.
- 2) Complete an electronic Word Template emailed to you at your request.
- 3) Handprint or type recipes on paper form.

Part of PW's purpose is to support the mission of the church worldwide. In the past, the rummage sale was PW's main money-maker used for mission. The cookbook will be the fundraiser this year. The money will be used to support PW international and national projects plus local charities in our community.

We will be accepting recipes until May 31, 2023 and the cookbooks will be available for sale beginning in August.

PW Cookbook Committee Members include the following: Pat Stanfield, Chair, Becky Donaly, Marilyn Enger, Lee Niederer, Donna Miller, Monika Chroust-Masin, Connie Foster, Paula Miller, and Dianne Barske.

Presbyterian Bazaar



It's only 200 days until the Annual Presbyterian Church Bazaar! And it's our 40th year. It started in 1983 and we have several members of our congregation who were there to get it started.

It was originally called the Presbyterian Boutique, then the Harvest Sale, and now the Presbyterian Bazaar. In those 40 years, the annual sale has raised over \$290,000.

Our format will be the same as last year, offering Presbyterian soup and homemade pie to go. Calvin Hall and the Fellowship area will be full of items for sale including crafts, re-purposed items, baked goods, jams & jellies, knit hats, plants, and beautifully sewn items such as potholders, table runners, bags, etc., and lots more. All our items are made and donated by members who give of their time, treasures, and talents.

Our first group meeting will be May 7th after the worship service in the Whitman Room. We welcome all volunteers and new ideas.

It is a very special and fun event. Last year we had over 60 volunteers that helped out in one way or another. One way to help now, is that we **need 4 and 8 oz Jam jars**. If you have any to donate, please leave in the office. Questions or comments? Contact Mary Ellen Fleeger, Nancy MacDonald or Ann Widen.

Earth Care Corner

Good News!! FPC McMinnville Received 5th Year PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation Certification!!



Earth Care Certificate and FPC Signed Earth Care Pledge Hanging In The Fellowship Hall CHECK IT OUT!!



What are Your Interests?
Please Join Us!!

The 4th Tuesday of the Month
from 9:00-10:00am

Earth Care Committee Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 9:00am in the Whitman Room

You and Prayers are ALWAYS Welcome!



FPC Earth Care Committee and Friends 😊

FPC Session, Congregation, Staff and Committees

PC(USA), Cascade Presbytery

FATHER, SON AND HOLY SPIRIT

Earth Care Corner continued

Plant Sale May 5 & 6

The Master Gardeners are having a plant sale all day Friday (5/5) and half day Saturday (5/6) at the Church on the Hill.

Camas Festival- May 5

The Grande Ronde Tribe and Linfield University are celebrating the importance of camas as an essential traditional food source for indigenous tribes of the region. The celebration on Friday, May 5th runs from 10:00 AM- 2:00PM at the Miller Fine Art Center (near the Library) on campus. Periodic tours leave from the Arts Center throughout that time. Wear appropriate shoes for wet areas. This year, in addition to walking tours of the Cozine Creek camas patch with tribal members, the celebration will include an art show featuring local indigenous artists at the Linfield Gallery. Please contact Bill Fleegeer (wfleegeer@linfield.edu) for more information.

Young People are Raising Their Voices!

Read how Young Pacific Islanders helped bring climate justice to the world court. Follow this link! [ICJ Resolution](#) Hawaii Youth Win! Onward to trial this September! Read how "Our Children's Trust" is moving forward. Follow this link! [State Legal Actions — Our ChildrensTrust\(ourchildrenstrust.org\)](#)

Volunteering at Tice Park on Earth Day

The weather was just right, not too hot or not too cold! Most of the work was trimming brush along the trails. Thank you, everyone, for taking care of God's Creation.



Mission



PENTECOST SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHILDREN AT RISK • YOUTH • YOUNG ADULTS

**Pentecost Offering
Sunday, May 28th**

Nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support children-at-risk, youth, and young adults through ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Please prayerfully consider what you can give.

Make checks to "FPC" and note for Pentecost or go online to give.



PANCAKE FUNRAISER

May 20th at 9-10:30 am
at First Presbyterian Church

Support the McMinnville Youth Collective's
summer Service Learning Project to Wapato, Washington

Children, Youth, & Family

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sundays
at 10:30am

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

May 7: Communion
No Children's Time

May 14: Esther

May 21: Jonah

May 28: Micah



KIDVENTURE

MAY 1
Daniel:
God's Protection

MAY 8
Esther:
Using Our Voice

MAY 15
Job:
God's Faithfulness

MAY 22
Jonah:
God is persistent

MAY 29
NO KIDVENTURE
Memorial Day Weekend

MONDAYS @ 5:15 - 6:30PM
AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
CHILDREN PREK - 5TH GRADE

A JOINT MINISTRY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH & FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



SAVE THE DATE

VBS

JUNE 26-30



Children, Youth, & Family

May 7: Youth Group @ FPC
MS 5-6:30pm
HS 6-7:30pm

May 12: Spring Lockout

May 14: Mother's Day
No Youth Group

May 21: Youth Group @ FPC
MS 5-6:30pm
HS 6-7:30pm

May 24: Dinner @ Alf's
MS & HS 6-7pm

May 28: Memorial Day
No Youth Group

MAY
McMinnville Youth Collective



What we've been up to
IN APRIL

In **CHILDREN'S TIME** we learned about beloved scriptures of the Old Testament. Specifically, we looked at Ecclesiastes and Proverbs. On Easter we had fun following worship with an Easter Egg Hunt and decorating cupcakes!

In **KIDVENTURE** we continued to learn about different prophets. Prophets are people who come so close to God and God comes so close to them that they know what God wants them to say. We heard the stories of Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel.

The **McMINNVILLE YOUTH COLLECTIVE** focused on earth care this month. We took a look at plastic and how confusing it can be to recycle it. We also used our imaginations to dream up and design our own fictional communities. We took time for some fun too with a foam finger rocket evening, a movie and pizza at 3rd Street Pizza, and dinner at El Tacos Gordo.

Alf's
DINNER
McMinnville Youth Collective

Bring money for dinner
Wednesday
May 24
6-7 pm
friends welcome



Ongoing Activities

creative expressions.

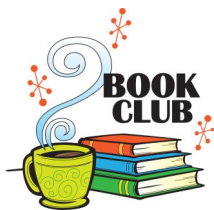
Creative Expressions is now meeting quarterly on the 2nd Friday of the month.

This is a time to work on your own, personal projects if that is your preference or there will be a class or project offered.

Please watch the FPC Weekly Enews for more information.

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 meets in-person in the Witherspoon Room. If you would still like to attend on Zoom, there will be a link in the weekly E-news for you to join. **On May 3rd and May 31st we will not be meeting.**



Social Justice Book Club

The Social Justice Book Club meets monthly on Zoom, during the program year, to discuss a book selected by the group.

They have decided to start the summer break a little early, so will not be meeting in May.

Watch the Enews later this summer for information on meeting again beginning in September.

· FLOWER CHART ·



Spring is finally here. Flowers and trees are bursting forth. Please consider sharing some of your garden flowers to brighten the Sanctuary for Sunday worship. There is a sign up sheet by the Welcome Kiosk.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Presbyterian Women

Sarah Circle

May 10th 5:30 pm
Witherspoon Room

Agape Circle

May 17th 9:30 am
Knox Room
Lesson 9

Priscilla Circle

May 22nd 6:30 pm
Hostess: Pam Jackson
Lesson 9: Jan Irish
(meet at church at 6:00 pm to carpool)



Please consider signing up to host a Fellowship Time after worship on a Sunday. It does not need to be anything fancy, just providing an opportunity to gather and enjoy some refreshments.

There is a sign up sheet on the rack next to the Welcome Kiosk. If you need more information or instructions, contact the office.

Nuts & Bolts

DOLLAR\$&CENTS

FINANCIAL REPORT

(Operating Fund)

<u>March:</u>	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Budget</u>	
Receipts	\$ 30,234	8.2%	\$ 30,542	8.3%
Expenses	33,615	8.1%	34,554	8.3%

<u>Year to Date:</u>	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Budget</u>	
Receipts	\$ 78,757	21.5%	\$ 91,626	25.0%
Expenses	103,980	25.1%	103,662	25.0%

Receipts for March were on par with budget. Expenses were on par with budget, but slightly greater than receipts, resulting in a deficit for the month.

Thank you for your continued support.

PC(USA) Wants to Hear From You

The coming months will be busy as several General Assembly-mandated research projects will be distributed.

The first, **CHANGING FAMILIES** is a survey designed for members, attendees, and staff. The General Assembly wants to know more about how families are changing or staying the same.

Here is the link to the survey:
<https://surveys.pcusa.org/s3/Changing-Families-in-the-PC-USA>

This survey will remain open through May 31st.

Prayer Requests

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

Session Highlights

Action taken and information items are summarized for the Portfolio monthly. Here is the highlight of the April 19th meeting:

Pastor Matt will be doing the Community Presentation for his Doctor of Ministry! It will be on May 3rd, at 11:00 a.m. This is the final step for completing his degree, and you are all invited! It will be held via Zoom. Contact the church office if you would like to watch. There will be a watch party at the church that day also. Bring a sack lunch and join others to watch as a community.

Staff Out of the Office

Kate Satterstrom will be at a seminar in Seattle, Thursday, May 4th.

Marcia Stratman will be gone May 10th -15th.

The staff will be on a Prayer Day retreat Thursday, May 18th. Office will be closed.

Nancy MacDonald will take a vacation day on Friday, May 26th.

The office will be closed on Monday, May 29th, Memorial Day.

Pastor Matt will be on Study Leave Tuesday, May 30th through Monday, June 5th.

Next Portfolio Deadline: May 22, 2023

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All in the Family



Mary Ellen Fleeger	1st
Eve Dewan	4th
Dick Enger	5th
Dianne Shea	5th
Wanda McAlister	6th
Dave Widen	7th
Kirsten Lund	9th
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
Ken Sherwood	25th
Mike Stephens	25th
Nicole Amuzu	27th
Carole Hansen	28th
Matt Johnson	28th
George Barker	29th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Calling All Good Men - and Kids!

Wanted: men and kids to bring food and serve for Fellowship Time after church on Sunday, May 14th.

There will be a sign up sheet on the Welcome Kiosk in the Gallery.

OR

You can email or text Mary Ellen Fleeger to sign up at Fleegerm@sou.edu, 971-901-1095.

Let's give the mothers of our congregation a lovely time! Thank you!



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. Dale & Carolyn Tomlinson
2. Cliff & Kelly Van Horn
3. Arthur Van Uchelen
4. Paul & Anneke Van Uchelen
5. Margaret Wallace
6. Community Dinner
7. John & Lori Wallick
8. Dave & Ann Widen
9. Dan Willis
10. Dave & Ruth Willis
11. Bill Wittenberg
12. McMinnville Youth Collective
13. Trena Younce
14. Nicole Amuzu, Ayele
15. Deacons
16. Tom & Joyce Archibald
17. Session
18. Ann Austin
19. Cindy Badley
20. Gordon & Becky Badley
21. George & Nancy Barker
22. Kidventure
23. BJ & Christina Barlow, Oliver, Lucas, & Thatcher
24. Elliott & Dianne Barske
25. Roald & Linda Berg
26. Jim Black
27. Sue Blum
28. Pentecost Offering
29. Stewart & Danna Bone
30. Kevin & Susan Bowdish
31. Marissa Branson

Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 9:00am Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser 10:30am Worship 5:00pm MYC Middle School Youth 6:00pm MYC High School Youth	1 9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club 4:00pm Creative Arts Team 5:15pm Kidventure	2 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm Children, Youth, & Family Team on Zoom	3 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 11:00am Pastor Matt's MTSO Presentation on Zoom 1:30pm Stewardship, Budget, & Finance Team 4:00pm Worship & Music Ministry Team 5:30pm Women's AA Group	4 Kate out of the office National Day of Prayer 3:30pm Mission Team 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	5 Office Closed	6 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only)
7 Communion 9:10am Adult Education 10:30am Worship 11:30am Presbyterian Bazaar Meeting 5:00pm MYC Middle School Youth 6:00pm MYC High School Youth	8 9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club 4:00pm Building & Grounds Team 5:15pm Kidventure	9 10:00am Staff Meeting	10 Marcia on vacation 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm YCCO 4:30pm Personnel Committee 5:30pm Sarah Circle 5:30pm Women's AA Group	11 Marcia on vacation 6:00pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	12 Marcia on vacation Office Closed 5:00pm MYC Lockout	13 Marcia on vacation 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only)
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