



Presbyterian Portfolio

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Upon Further Reflection

Setting our sights

What are you setting your sights on in 2024? What goals or hopes do you have?

A recent Forbes Health/OnePoll survey found that 62% of people feel pressured to set a new year's resolution. About half focus on physical fitness while over a third aim at improving mental health. But 66% of people making resolutions say they have already flamed out by April. A grand total of only 6% become lasting habits into the next year. Yikes!

Why do so few resolutions become part of how we live? I think it can be tempting to hope that we can flip a switch and change how we live. The resolutions that flame out may have wonderful intentions, but they often lack sustainable practices that are connected to our sense of self. They also frequently focus on who we're *not* instead of who we *already are*.

And who are we? As Christians our identity emerges from knowing that we are God's beloved children. If we know that we are loved and understand God's goals for our lives, then life changes can be rooted in those things through practical, sustainable steps.

The prayer of Paul in Ephesians chapter 1 is helpful for me in this regard: *"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe."*

This enlightenment of our heart (our true self) results in connecting with God's hope, God's people, and God's power. It's a promise that whatever hard realities we are struggling through, we are able to connect with the things that are eternal, and discern the hype that is passing.

Being rooted in God's hope will move us toward growth and maturity. It can be helpful to be intentional about this growth, as long as we don't think our standing with God or personal happiness are dependent upon our success. Please remember the hope God gives you as a person worthy of love as you set your sights on 2024.

Pastor Matt Johnson

Worship

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.



Ash Wednesday February 14th

Join us for a Soup Supper at 6:30 pm followed by the Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 pm.



Communion Sundays February 4th & 18th

Music Ministry

Thank you to those of you who contributed to the production and presentation of the "Messiah" on December 1 and 2. Your generous gifts enabled ample payment for our musicians. The free will offerings on both evenings filled up the coffers a bit to be able to add some needed additions to our music program. More information will be forthcoming.

The Ash Wednesday service on February 14 will begin with a soup supper. The Worship and Music Committee is putting together offerings of soup, bread, and dessert. Soup will be served at 6:30 and the service will begin at 7 p.m. in Calvin West.

Two music groups at FPC, choir and hand bells, continue to rehearse on Thursday evenings. Each group provides music for worship once per month. If you are interested in joining either group, please contact Marcia at marciastratman@gmail.com. Short term commitments are doable. The praise team also provides music for worship one time per month. Rehearsals for them are before the service on the Sunday they provide music. We would love to have a drummer join us, and singers and other instrumentalists are most welcome.

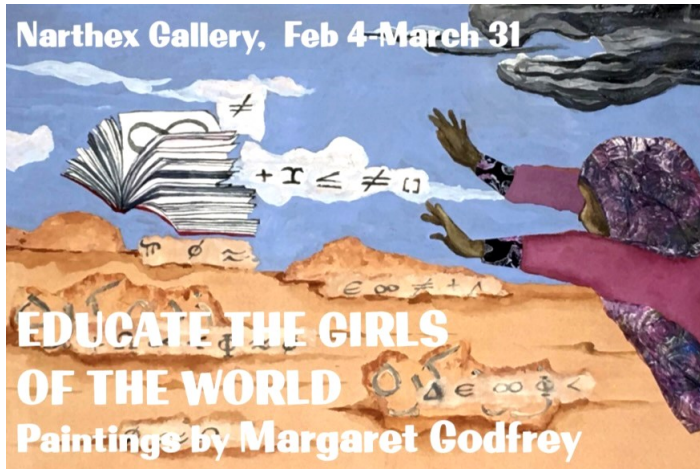
And, of course, there are slots for musical offerings in almost every worship service. This provides opportunity to contribute your musical skills in short 1-3 minutes bits at various parts of the service. Because, officially, FPC has no formal paid position for a service musician, we rely on volunteers to provide worshipful music for the congregation to enjoy during the services. Contact Marcia to schedule. Singers, instrumentalists, pianists, and organists are most welcome. Interested or curious? Let's talk.

Easter is a movable feast and this year it will be March 31. Palm Sunday is March 24, and Good Friday is March 29. Mark your calendars so you're not surprised.

Thank you for your support of the musical activities here at First Presbyterian.

Narthex Gallery

Coming Soon
to the Narthex Gallery



Narthex Gallery
First Presbyterian Church
390 NE 2nd Street, McMinnville, Oregon
503-472-6256
Open M-Th 9-5

"Educate the Girls of the World"
Paintings by Margaret Godfrey

February 4-March 31, 2024
Artist's Reception, March 10
11:30 - 1:00

Annex Gallery

**All Creatures Great and Small
Looking Ahead to the Next
Annex Gallery Art Show**

Tired of the grey winter days full of snow and ice? Here's something fun to speculate.

Is there a creature in your life that you love and perhaps have captured creatively in some art form? It could be a pet, a bird at your feeder, some animal you've photographed on a trip. The Creative Arts Team is hoping you will share what you've created in whatever art form – a photo, a clay sculpture, a drawing or painting, a cartoon, a quilt or weaving. Maybe a child or grandchild in your family has drawn butterflies or a squirrel or even a worm? This is your chance to share it.

We'd like to have the art work brought to the church by the end of February for a March show called "All Creatures Great and Small." Please look around or create something new to brighten our days and our church gallery as we look forward to spring. (Two-dimensional work should be framed and ready to hang. Our hook and cable hanging system doesn't work with sawtooth hangers, so please use a wire or strong string on the back.)

Questions? Contact Dianne Barske or any member of the Creative Arts Team.

Earth Care/Adult Ed

Have you ever wondered how YOU, as a Christian, can engage another associate in affecting Climate Change when your individual opinions about whether it even exists or why it's happening are at polar ends of the spectrum? Climate Scientist Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, a Distinguished Professor and Endowed Chair in Public Policy and Public Law at Texas Tech University, is an Evangelical Christian who has unabashedly made this her life's work by developing ways to move the conversation forward between seemingly opposing viewpoints. Join Bob Irish and Pam Jackson for a stimulating discussion about "The most important thing you can do about Climate Change: Talk About It", on Sunday, February 25th, at 9:15am in Calvin West. The goal is to share Dr. Hayhoe's tips on how to skillfully advance the Climate Change conversation towards meaningful actions that will make a difference for the planet.

We hope to see you there!

Earth Care Corner

Another Plastics Collection Event

Saturday, February 10, 2024

10 am – 1 pm

First Baptist Church, McMinnville

Cost is \$4 per full paper grocery bag (cash or checks only)

All items must be sorted, clean, dry, and bagged together as follows:

Miscellaneous Items

Bag all straws, plastic utensils, and bread bag clips separately

Bag all screw-on caps together (with or without numbers)

Numbered Items

#1s CLEAR ONLY (NO COLOR)

#2s, #4s, #5s, or #6s bagged separately.

NO Styrofoam, compostable items, or curbside recycling items will be accepted.

Questions about sorting? Go to zerowastemcminnville.com to view a How-to-Sort video.

Here at First Presbyterian, on Thursday, Feb. 8th at 4pm, you may bring your clean, sorted plastics to the Fellowship Area where we will combine items to fill bags and share in the cost. Volunteers will be needed to take the bags to the Event at First Baptist on Saturday, Feb. 10th.

Mission

A Heads-up from the Mission Ministry Team

Have you noticed the five Peace Poles around town in McMinnville? The Peace Pole tradition originated in Japan in response to the bombing of Hiroshima in World War II. Today, there are thousands of Peace Poles across the globe, each bearing a universal prayer for world peace in multiple languages. The installation of a peace pole is an internationally recognized symbol of the hopes and dreams of the human family, standing in silent prayer for peace on earth.

This month, thanks to our peacemaking fund, FPC will install McMinnville's sixth Peace Pole, located between the Labyrinth and the parking area west of the church. Weather permitting, we are planning a brief dedication ceremony following worship on February 25th. We will invite indigenous people from the area and fellow faith and civic communities to join members of our congregation for this special event.

Please watch FPC Weekly E-News for emerging details. Gather on February 25th to spread the universal message of peace: "May Peace Prevail on Earth."

Opportunities for Giving Calendar

Last year, the Mission Ministry Team developed a calendar of giving opportunities to assist members and friends plan their giving throughout the year. We now share this calendar with you, updated to 2024, in hopes that you will find it to be a useful planning tool. (see next page)

Mission

Opportunities for Giving

"..and I will bless you so that you might be a blessing.."

So that we might be a blessing to others, here are several opportunities throughout the year where you can share your talents to support the missions of our church both locally and globally.

| Month | Offering/Donation | Description |
|--|---------------------------------|---|
| February | Blankets | Cash donation to Church World Service for providing blankets to those in need. |
| March (Easter Sunday) | One Great Hour of Sharing* | The three programs supported by this offering - Disaster Assistance, the 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. |
| May (Pentecost Sunday) | Pentecost* | This offering helps youth begin life with a solid foundation of faith. By receiving the Pentecost Offering, you are nurturing the faith of our children, youth, and young adults – our best investment for the future of our church! |
| July | Beyond Backpacks | Cash donations to buy school backpacks and supplies for our local schoolkids. |
| October (World Communion Sunday) | Peace & Global Witness* | This offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world and to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence. Our congregation retains 25% of this offering to support peacemaking efforts in our local community. |
| December (during Advent) | Christmas Joy* | This offering provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. It also supports Presbyterian-related schools and colleges that provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage. |
| December | Giving Tree for Henderson House | Provides donations and gifts to local families sheltered due to domestic violence by Henderson House. |
| On going programs that you can support with cash donations at anytime | | |
| On going | Community Dinner | A nutritious Saturday dinner to help our neighbors in need. |
| On going | Wednesday Breakfast | A Wednesday breakfast to help our neighbors in need. |
| On going | Refugee Support | Support for refugees suffering during a time of transition. |
| On going | Community Care Fund | Provides emergency assistance to people in need. |

* a Presbyterian Church (USA) special offering

"But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity." - 2 Corinthians 8:2

Children, Youth, & Family

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

February 4: Communion
No Children's Time

February 11: Important Words:
Love

February 18: Parable:
Leaven

February 25: Parables:
The Good Shephard
+ Lost Sheep



What we've been up to IN JANUARY

In **CHILDREN'S TIME** and **KIDVENTURE**, we began the month talking about the miracles of Jesus. We took a closer at the feeding of the 5,000, the healing of ten lepers, and Jesus walking on water. We then focused on two important people who Jesus encounters. Jesus taught Nicodemus about God sending Jesus to earth out of love. And Jesus teaches the woman at the well what it means to have a new life in Christ.

The best part of dark evenings is that the **McMINNVILLE YOUTH COLLECTIVE** is finally able to play Sardines (a hide and go seek type game played throughout the church in the dark). The youth LOVE it and beg to play. So, we began the year with a lively evening of Sardines. We had to cancel a youth group because of the snow/ice storm but were finally able to gather again to discuss miracles and the feeding of the 5,000. We ended the month learning about the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and being a good neighbor. Also, this month 35 of us gathered to go bowling. We had our monthly dinner at Gordo's Tacos.

KIDVENTURE

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

February 5

Parable:
The Sower

February 12

Parable:
The Mustard Seed

February 19

PRESIDENT'S DAY
No Kidventure

February 26

Parable:
The Prodigal Son

A JOINT MINISTRY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH & FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Children, Youth, & Family

February 4: Youth Group @ FPC
MS 5-6:30pm, HS 6-7:30pm

February 11: Super Bowl Party @ Toth's
3:30-7:00pm

February 16-19: Winter Camp
@ Camp Arrah Wanna

February 18: No Youth Group

February 25: Youth Group @ FPC
MS 5-6:30pm, HS 6-7:30pm

February 28: Dinner @ Mikey's Pizza
MS & HS 6-7pm

McMinnville Youth Collective
HERBARIUM



McMinnville Youth Collective **SUPER BOWL PARTY**

February 11th
3:30pm to 7:00pm
2700 NW Pinehurst Drive, Mac

bring a dessert, snack, or side to share
(drinks and hotdogs will be provided)



McMINNVILLE YOUTH COLLECTIVE
DINNER

Wednesday, February 28
from 6-7 pm @ Mikey's Pizza

BRING MONEY FOR DINNER. FRIENDS ALWAYS WELCOME.



Ongoing Activities

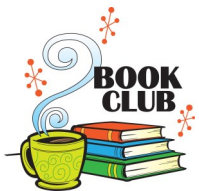
creative expressions.

Save the Date!

Creative Expressions is offering a Sourdough Bread baking class on Friday, March 8th at 4 pm. Learn the basics of maintaining a sourdough starter along with tips and techniques for making Artisanal bread. Take home your own sourdough starter plus 2 Weck jars. Class size is limited so make reservations early (by February 28) with the church office so that supplies can be ordered. Cost is \$15. For more information, contact Cathy Stephens or Star Thomson.

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.



Social Justice Book Club

The Social Justice Book Club meets monthly on Zoom to discuss a book selected by the group. For our next gathering we will be reading *The River We Remember* by William Ken Krueger. This is a novel about a town where one of its prominent citizens is found dead. As the book unfolds, we learn that what appears at first glance isn't always the reality that lies deeper down.

We will meet on March 26th at 4pm on Zoom.

Please contact Kate for any questions or the Zoom link.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Presbyterian Women

Sarah Circle

February 7 6:00 pm
Witherspoon Room

Agape Circle

February 21 9:30 am
Hillside Manor, Room 315
Lesson 6

Priscilla Circle

February 26 7:00 pm
Hostess: Pat Stanfield
Lesson 6: Pam Jackson



First Presbyterian Church
THEOLOGY ON TAP

THE BITTER MONK

250 NE 3RD STREET, MCMINNVILLE

GATHERS @ 5:15PM ON THE 1ST MONDAY OF THE MONTH

Join Pastor Matt on Monday, February 5th at 5:15 pm for fellowship and discussion.

Nuts & Bolts

DOLLAR\$&CENTS

FINANCIAL REPORT


(Operating Fund)

| December: | Actual | | Budget | |
|-----------|-----------|-------|-----------|------|
| Receipts | \$ 54,470 | 14.9% | \$ 30,542 | 8.3% |
| Expenses | 34,428 | 8.3% | 34,554 | 8.3% |

| Year to Date: | Actual | | Budget | |
|---------------|------------|------|------------|------|
| Receipts | \$ 409,439 | 112% | \$ 366,505 | 100% |
| Expenses | 397,649 | 96% | 414,648 | 100% |

Receipts for December were significantly more than budget. December expenses were par with budget, resulting in a surplus for the month. Overall, the year ended with a surplus of \$11,790.

Thank you for your continued support.



The Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, February 4, 2024 following worship in Calvin Hall. The purpose is to review the Annual Report, receive the Budget and Approve the Terms of Call for the Pastor.

ANNUAL MEETING



The office will be closed
Monday, February 19th
for Presidents' Day

Session Highlights

Action taken and information items are summarized for the Portfolio monthly. Here are highlights of the January 17th meeting:

1. The Session thanked Star Thomson, Mary McBride, and Wendy Sagers for their service as Elders.
2. The Session welcomed Linda Mihnos as an Elder for the Class of 2026.
3. Elected John Bush and Dave Widen as Presbytery delegates with Tom Mann and Jan Irish as alternates.
4. Approved the Church Statistical Report for 2023.



SUPPORT
The McMinnville Youth Collective
THROUGH:

BOTTLE DROP

- 1 Pick up a blue recycling bag from the Church Office
- 2 Fill the bag with recyclable cans, plastic bottles, & glass bottles
- 3 Take the bag to Bottle Drop 1250 NE Lafayette Ave. Mac

Next Portfolio Deadline: February 26, 2024

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All in the Family



| | |
|-------------------------|------|
| Sheila McCluskey | 1st |
| Barb Schoof | 1st |
| Scott Smith | 2nd |
| Dave Howard | 3rd |
| Micah Johnson Soderlund | 4th |
| Lynn Foster | 5th |
| Ardeth Parry | 5th |
| Ayele Amuzu | 8th |
| Jillian Staneck | 12th |
| Chris Steinman | 14th |
| Cathy Stephens | 15th |
| Sandra Sherwood | 18th |
| Caroline Moore | 19th |
| Kevin Moore | 21st |
| Aaron Brunner | 24th |
| Dolores Sterling | 24th |
| Ann Widen | 24th |
| Maggie Custer | 25th |
| Nancy MacDonald | 26th |
| Jim Rogers | 28th |

Happy Birthday!

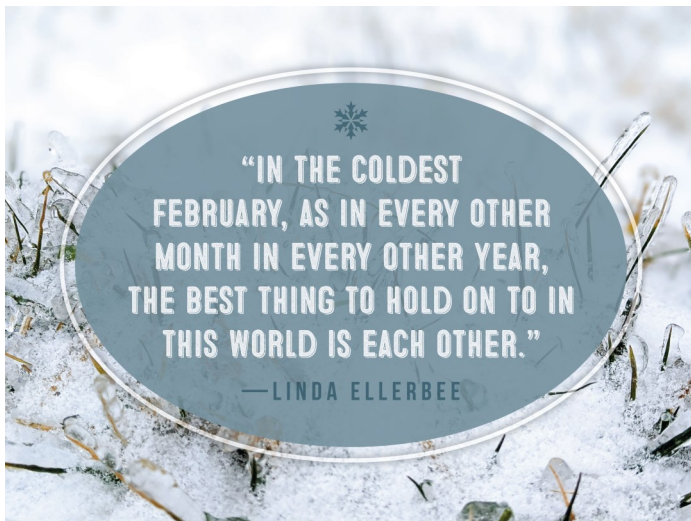


February Prayer Calendar

"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. Matt Johnson & Sonja Soderlund, Micah & Caleb
2. Janice Jones
3. Nancy Kirkelie
4. Annual Congregational Meeting
5. Lea Ann Knorr
6. Jane Kristof
7. Rob & Sharon Laddusaw
8. Steve & Nona Larson
9. Sandra Lawrence
10. Community Dinner
11. Ralph & Janet Litchfield
12. Kidventure
13. Bob & Donna Lunt
14. Tom & Nancy MacDonald
15. Tom & Carolyn Mann
16. McMinnville Youth Collective Winter Camp
17. Pat Martin
18. Mary McBride
19. Sheila McCluskey
20. Shawna McRae, Savannah & Holden
21. Session
22. Linda Mihnos
23. Ron & Donna Miller
24. Ted & Paula Miller
25. Kevin & Caroline Moore, Grayson, Adelynn, & Rylan
26. Joanne Mucken
27. Janet Myatt
28. Lee Niederer
29. Tom & Mary Norton



Prayer Requests

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

Calendar



F E B R U A R Y

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|---|
| 28 10:30am Worship 5:00pm MYC Middle School Youth 6:00pm MYC High School Youth | 29 9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club 5:15pm Kidventure | 30 9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 10:00am Staff Meeting | 31 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Women's AA Group 6:00pm MYC Dinner | 1 9:30am Women in the Word 3:30pm Mission Team 5:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 2 Office Closed | 3 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only) |
| 4 Annual Congregational Meeting Communion 10:30am Worship 11:30am Annual Congregational Meeting 11:30am Fellowship Time 5:00pm MYC Middle School Youth 6:00pm MYC High School Youth | 5 9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club 4:00pm Creative Arts Team 5:15pm Kidventure 5:15pm Theology on Tap | 6 10:00am Staff Meeting | 7 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 10:00am Bible Study 4:00pm Worship & Music Ministry Team 5:30pm Women's AA Group 6:00pm Sarah Circle | 8 9:30am Women in the Word Sm Group 4:00pm Plastic Recycling Sorting 5:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 9 Office Closed | 10 10:00am Plastic Recycling Collection at FBC 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only) |
| 11 Transfiguration Sunday 10:30am Worship 3:30pm MYC Super Bowl Party | 12 9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club 1:00pm 99 GAL Friends 4:00pm Building & Grounds Team 5:15pm Kidventure | 13 9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 10:00am Staff Meeting | 14 Ash Wednesday 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 10:00am Bible Study 1:00pm YCCO 4:30pm Personnel Committee 5:30pm Women's AA Group 6:30pm Soup Supper 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service | 15 9:30am Women in the Word 5:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 16 MYC Winter Camp Office Closed | 17 MYC Winter Camp 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only) |
| 18 Communion MYC Winter Camp 10:30am Worship 6:00pm Investment Club | 19 MYC Winter Camp Office Closed Presidents' Day 9:00am McMinnville Garden Club 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club | 20 9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 10:00am Staff Meeting | 21 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 9:30am Agape Circle 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Women's AA Group 7:00pm Session | 22 9:30am Women in the Word 5:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 23 Office Closed | 24 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only) |
| 25 9:15am Adult Education Event 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time 12:00pm Peace Pole Dedication 5:00pm MYC Middle School Youth 6:00pm MYC High School Youth | 26 9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club 5:15pm Kidventure 7:00pm Priscilla Circle | 27 9:00am Earth Care Committee 9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 10:00am Staff Meeting | 28 Portfolio 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 10:00am Bible Study 5:30pm Women's AA Group 6:00pm MYC Dinner | 29 9:30am Women in the Word 5:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 1 Office Closed World Day of Prayer | 2 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only) |