



Presbyterian Portfolio

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Upon Further Reflection

Contemplation over Compulsion

There is much in our world that pulls us toward compulsive thinking and behavior. From what we eat and what we drink to entertainment to buying “stuff” to scrolling through news or social media online, we are encouraged to simply react to our feelings and satisfy every impulse as soon as we can. When I get stuck in the rut of acting compulsively, it feels like I’ve lost control of directing my attention and energy in the ways that I would like.

In earlier eras of my life, I tried to respond to this feeling by being more disciplined, setting goals, and making rules. Those things can be helpful but usually fail to address the root issue. It’s hard to change our routines and habits if we don’t have inner resources to support that change. I now believe the antidote to compulsion is contemplation.

One of the people I’ve learned about contemplation from is Father Richard Rohr, who founded the Center for Action and Contemplation:

“The contemplative mind is about receiving and being present to the moment, to the now, without judgment, analysis, or critique. Contemplative ‘knowing’ is a much more holistic, heart-centered knowing, where mind, heart, soul, and senses are open and receptive to the moment just as it is. Contemplative prayer is a practice for a lifetime, never perfected yet always enough.”

<https://cac.org/about/what-is-contemplation/>

Embracing this perspective offers us spiritual resources to draw on during our daily life. This month we are beginning a new service called “Deep River Contemplative Worship.” This simple service will emphasize various contemplative practices that we can take into our own lives.

When we slow down, open ourselves to the presence of God, and receive what God has for us in that moment, we can find renewal, peace, and love. These are the things we need most and which the world needs most. If you feel the call to be more contemplative, I hope to see you there.

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.



Communion Sundays March 3rd & 17th

Peace Pole Dedication



Our Peace Pole was dedicated on Sunday, Feb. 25th. Take time to check it out in the garden between the parking lot and the labyrinth. Click on this QR code to find more information about the Peace Pole Project.



Holy Week

HOLY WEEK



Passover Seder and Potluck Maundy Thursday

On Thursday, March 28th we will be holding a Passover Seder. The Seder, which commemorates the slavery of the Israelites in Egypt and their ultimate exodus to freedom, will begin at 5:30 pm. The Seder will be followed by a potluck. If you are interested in participating in the Seder, please contact the church office no later than March 24th. There is a limit of thirty (30) participants. The Seder plate has one item containing nuts, so if you have allergies, please let us know.

When you contact the church office, please let us know what dish you will be bringing to the potluck (main dish, salad, dessert).

We will also need volunteers for the potluck. If you can help, please email Lou Savage at loudsavage@gmail.com.

Good Friday Service Friday, March 29th at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary

Easter Brunch Sunday, March 31st 9:00 - 10:00 am

A brunch is being planned for before worship on Easter Sunday. If you would be interested in helping, here are a few areas: set up Saturday evening, prepping food Saturday evening or cooking Sunday morning, serving, dishwashing and clean up. Please contact Nancy MacDonald if you are interested in helping by calling the church office or at nancym@fpc-mac.org.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRESENTS

Baroque Brass & Organ Classics

Friday, March 1, 7:00pm



Works by J.S. Bach, Vivaldi, Purcell & others

Trumpet: Mark Bacon & Joan Paddock; Organ: Craig Hanson

Admission free of charge
Donations to support the Series Welcome

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Dancing Our Prayers

Saturday, March 2nd

6:30 pm

at First Presbyterian Church

This past summer our youth were invited to the Yakama Nation. We learned from and worked alongside their community members. We are excited to return the invitation and welcome them to McMinnville.

Youth and elders from the Yakama Nation will share their traditions of dance, faith, and livelihood with us. This event is free and everyone one is encouraged to join us.

Earth Care Corner

Zero Waste! Learn ways to care for God's Creation.

The McMinnville Public Library is sponsoring a **Zero Waste speaker series** on the first Monday of each Month through June at 6:30 PM. Put these dates on your calendar: March 4th, April 1st, May 6th and June 3rd.

Let's Go on a Field Trip!

On the afternoon of **Monday, March 18th** the Earth Care Committee is inviting all members of the congregation to join them for a visit to **Eloheh Farm, 6033 NW Lilac Hill Rd, Yamhill**. The visit will be from **1:00 PM to 3:30 PM**. Meet at the **church office parking lot, if you wish to carpool, at 12:15 PM to depart at 12:30 PM** for the farm.

Dr. Randy Woodley and his wife, Edith, live on the farm. Randy is a Distinguished Professor of Faith and Culture and the director of Intercultural and Indigenous Studies at George Fox University/Portland Seminary. He is the author of the book, Becoming Rooted, which many of you have read. Randy and Edith have become recognized elders/wisdom-keepers in their community; having raised a family strong in their Indigenous traditions and practices.

The following is a quote from the farm's website: "Healing herbs and plants are tried and true ways of Indigenous peoples for thousands of years. At *Eloheh* we grow **healing herbs and plants** and **native wild-growns** throughout the property for our own use and to share with others as appropriate. We think of our living products as a vital part of the medicine gift from the plants. *Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice* focuses on developing, implementing and teaching sustainable and regenerative earth practices."

Contact the church office at fpc.mcminnville@gmail.com or phone: 503-472-6256 to let us know you would like to be a part of the field trip.

Music Ministry

March will be a magnificent month for music at First Presbyterian. The Chancel Choir will be joining several of the worship services because of Holy Week and Easter celebrations. They are preparing gorgeous anthems including one called "Were You There?" by Raymond Haan. This beautiful and different rendition of very familiar words will feature guest cellist, Nate Nauman, a freshman at George Fox University. Composer Raymond H. Haan, originally from Michigan (b. 1938), is a graduate of Calvin College and the University of Michigan. Haan was Director of Music at Cutlerville East Christian Reformed Church for more than fifty years. As a composer he has published extensively, and his body of more than 500 works includes music for organ, choir, handbells, and other solo instruments. This anthem will be sung at the Good Friday service, March 29th, at 7 pm. I hope you will enjoy the various moods, words, and arrangements of our Palm Sunday and Easter anthems. They are joyous, uplifting, musical, and inspiring.

The bell choir will play on March 17th and various bells will be joining in hymns and service music for Good Friday and Easter. And the Praise Team will play for worship on March 10th.

Here's a plea to our volunteer church musicians. There are opportunities to play for worship in April and May. Introits, centering reflections, (formerly the offertory) and postlude spots are available. Please contact Marcia to offer your skills and schedule a convenient date.

The Worship and Music Ministry committee approved purchases of a new digital keyboard, stand, bench, and amplifier for Praise Team use. Lighter equipment will make setting up easier. They also approved funds to update and refurbish the hand bell pad covers and skirts. Elizabeth Metz will be sewing these for us. We look forward to seeing the finished work – but not for awhile.

You've probably noticed that we have begun having song leaders step up to lead the hymns. We hope that this will encourage each congregational member to sing out. Hymns can always be found in the hymnal if the words on the screen are too difficult to read.

Lastly, I hope you will plan to attend the Duo Trumpet and Organ Recital this coming Friday, March 1st, at 7 pm. Admission is free, but donations will help offset expenses for the concert. Trumpeters Dr. Joan Paddock and Mark Bacon will be joined by organist Craig Hanson in a lively mix of Baroque repertoire. I do hope you can attend.

Marcia Stratman, Director of Music

Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women- New Leadership or Disband?

The PW board is looking for women who would be interested in taking leadership of Presbyterian Women at FPC McMinnville. We will be **disbanding PW in June** if new leadership is not found. If you wish to discuss these two options or are interested in a leadership role contact one of the following board members: Donna Miller, Marilyn Enger, Mary McBride, Sandra Lawrence, or Wendy Sagers.

Annex Gallery/Narthex Gallery

“All Creatures Great and Small” Art for the Annex Gallery Show Due by Sunday, March 3rd

Bring those creature creations to church! The deadline for submissions is Sunday, March 3rd. The theme for the show is “All Creatures Great and Small” and we are looking for art in any form that depicts an appreciation for God’s creatures. Please be sure that 2-dimensional pieces are framed, wired and ready for hanging. Let’s create a parade of creatures across the Annex wall! Questions? Contact Dianne Barske or any member of the Creative Arts Team.

Narthex Gallery, Feb 4-March 31



**Artist’s Reception
Sunday, March 10th
11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

Come meet the artist,
Margaret Godfrey, and
hear about her work.

Mission

From Art to Action

As you view Margaret Godfrey’s exhibition “Educate the Girls of the World,” currently hanging in the Narthex Gallery, you’ll see a moving blend of artistic expression and social content. Margaret will address both in her artist presentation on Sunday, March 10, 11:30-1:00, in the Whitman Room. You won’t want to miss this.

Margaret’s powerful exhibition meshes well with FPC’s long-standing partnership with Friends of the Presbyterian Education Board (PEB) of Pakistan. PEB educates 5,700 Christian and Muslim students (60% of them girls) at its twenty-five schools in the Punjab region of Pakistan. For cultural reasons, girls face special challenges in pursuing their educational goals. Many are simply kept home for security reasons.

The combination of economics and culture dictate that attending school depends equally on the support of nurturing, professional teachers and financial assistance. Thus, a part of FPC’s annual contribution to PEB provides a student scholarship, this year awarded to Jessica Qummer, daughter of a laborer and housewife, who dreams of becoming a doctor. Scholarships are \$400 for a full academic year.

The Mission Team will pool funds received and forward them to PEB, restricted for additional scholarships for girls. Inspired by art, we are moved to action.

Children, Youth, & Family

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

March 3: Communion
No Children's Time

March 10: Parables: Rich Man

March 17: Parables:
Unmerciful Servant

March 24: Important People:
Zacchaeus

March 31: Easter
No Children's Time



SAVE THE DATE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

SEEKER IN SNEAKERS

JUNE 24-28, 9AM-NOON
PreK-5th Grade



KIDVENTURE

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

March 4
Parables:
The Good Samaritan

March 11
Important People:
Mary and Martha

March 18
Important People:
Zacchaeus

March 25
Spring Break
No Kidventure

A JOINT MINISTRY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH & FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Children, Youth, & Family

March 2: Dancing Our Prayers
6:30pm @ FPC

March 3: Youth Group @ FPC
MS 5-6:30pm, HS 6-7:30pm

March 10: Youth Group @ FPC
MS 5-6:30pm, HS 6-7:30pm

March 15: Game Night
6-8:30pm @ Mac Cov

March 17: Youth Group @ FPC
MS 5-6:30pm, HS 6-7:30pm

March 20: Dinner @ Alf's
MS & HS 6-7pm

March 24: NO Youth Group, Spring Break

March 31: NO Youth Group, Easter

McMinnville Youth Collective
MARCH



McMINNVILLE YOUTH COLLECTIVE

DINNER

Wednesday, March 20
from 6-7 pm @ Alf's

BRING MONEY FOR DINNER. FRIENDS ALWAYS WELCOME.

McMINNVILLE YOUTH COLLECTIVE

GAME NIGHT

AT McMINNVILLE COVENANT CHURCH
2155 NW 2ND STREET

MARCH 15 >>> 6:00-8:30PM

DINNER PROVIDED + GAMES + FRIENDS WELCOME



Children, Youth, & Family



McMinnville Youth Collective Service Learning Trip

Wapato, Washington

July 28 - August 2, 2024

for current
5th-12th grade
students

We have limited spaces available

IMPORTANT DATES

Informational Meetings:
March 17th 4-5pm @ FPC
March 19 6-7pm on Zoom

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser:
Saturday, May 11th

Training: Saturday June 8th



**SUMMER CAMP
CAMP ARRAH WANNA**
JULY 15 - 19
GRADES 1ST -12TH
register at
CampArrahWanna.org



What we've been up to IN FEBRUARY

In **CHILDREN'S TIME** and **KIDVENTURE**, we began the month hearing what Jesus had to say about love. Then the rest of the month we dove into the parables of Jesus. We learned that parables have layers and that we can revisit them to keep learning new things. We looked at the Parables of the Leaven, Good Shephard, Lost Sheep, Sower, Mustard Seed, and the Prodigal Son.

Our **CHILDREN** and **YOUTH** spent the long President's Day weekend in Welches, Oregon at Camp Arrah Wanna. We had fun snow tubing, playing laser tag, roasting smores, all while studying stories about Names in the Bible. We are loved and known!

The **MCMINNVILLE YOUTH COLLECTIVE** was busy this month. We had a Super Bowl party at the beginning of the month and met for Mikey's Pizza at the end of the month. In between we explored the Parables of Jesus and learned that there is a gift in Jesus using stories to teach us. We also spent an evening doing random acts of kindness and giving space to reflect in the wake of two students at the high school who died by suicide in the past few months. We are grateful for a dedicated community of youth who care about each other and are willing to have real conversations.

Ongoing Activities

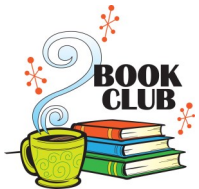
creative expressions.

Sourdough Bread Baking Class

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 today (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 Now on Mondays at 1:00 pm

A weekly Bible study, led by Pastor Matt, on the scripture reading for the following Sunday meets on Monday afternoons at 1:00 pm. It meets in-person in the Witherspoon Room. Come join the discussion.



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 for the Zoom link.



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

Presbyterian Women

Sarah Circle

March 13th 6:00 pm
Witherspoon Room

Agape Circle

March 20th 9:30 am
Hillside Manor, Room 315
Lesson 7

Priscilla Circle

March 25th 7:00 pm
Hostess: Sandra Sherwood (at the church)
Lesson 7: Marilyn Enger



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, March 4th at 5:15 pm for fellowship and discussion.

Nuts & Bolts

DOLLAR\$&CENTS

FINANCIAL REPORT

(Operating Fund)

| January: | Actual | | Budget | |
|-------------------------|------------|-------|-----------|------|
| Receipts | \$ 26,965 | 7.2% | \$ 31,286 | 8.3% |
| Expenses | 41,930 | 9.8% | 35,821 | 8.3% |
| Increase/ (Decrease) | \$(14,965) | 27.5% | \$(4,535) | 8.3% |

| Year to Date: | Actual | | Budget | |
|-------------------------|------------|-------|-----------|------|
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Receipts for January were less than budget while January expenses were more than budget, resulting in a deficit. The annual operating budget is estimated to end with a deficit.

Thank you for your continued support.



Time to
Spring Ahead

**Daylight Saving Time begins on
Sunday, March 10th**

Be sure to set your clocks ahead on Saturday night before you go to bed.

Session Highlights

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

1. Corporate Officers for 2024 were finalized:
President - Dale Tomlinson
Treasurer - Star Thomson
Secretary - Sharon Laddusaw
2. Session will be trying something different with Worship and Music. There will be a quarterly meeting to review the past quarter and to make plans for the following quarter. Dates will be announced, and anyone interested will be welcome to attend.
3. The spring Presbytery meeting will be held at Westminster Church in Portland on April 19th and 20th. This will be the only completely in person meeting for the year. Sharon Laddusaw will be commissioned as a delegate to General Assembly 2024 during the Saturday gathering.
4. Beginning in March, Pastor Matt will be attending Leadership MAC, a 10-month interactive study program that is devoted to preparing business people and community leaders to successfully meet the challenges facing our community. The sessions will be on the second Wednesday of each month.

Next Portfolio Deadline: March 25, 2024

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All in the Family



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|-------------------|------|
| Paula Miller | 1st |
| Holden McRae | 4th |
| Danna Bone | 8th |
| Audrey Horowitz | 11th |
| Nona Larson | 13th |
| Rylan Moore | 14th |
| Kate Satterstrom | 14th |
| Maddy Blankenship | 16th |
| Simon Steely | 19th |
| Candice Cameron | 20th |
| Sue Blum | 22nd |
| Bob Sagers | 23rd |
| Lori Hanson | 24th |

Happy Birthday!



March 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. World Day of Prayer
2. Dancing Our Prayers Group
3. Betty Olson
4. Karen Olson
5. Janet Oswald
6. Steve & Rachel Parker
7. Bob & Ardeth Parry
8. Zoe Pearson
9. Community Dinner
10. Dave & Gudie Pfendler
11. Dee Piazza
12. Deacons
13. Tony Pratt & Kirsten Lund
14. Markita Price
15. McMinnville Youth Collective
16. Steve Priebe
17. Duane & Carol Qualey
18. Kidventure
19. Marlene Radasch
20. Session
21. Linda Ragland
22. Donna Reynolds
23. Jim Rogers
24. Astuti Rossner
25. Charlie Saderholm
26. Bob Sagers
27. John & Wendy Sagers
28. Thomas Sagers
29. Kate Satterstrom
30. Lou Savage & Cheryl Seagren
31. Easter Sunday



With Deepest Sympathy

Our church family extends our deepest sympathy to the family of

Joy Burcham

Joy passed away on Saturday,
February 10, 2024.

May God grant comfort and peace
to her loved ones.

Prayer Requests

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

Calendar



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 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 10:30am Small Group 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club 1:00pm Bible Study 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 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 7:00pm Baroque Brass & Organ Classics Concert | 2 10:00am 99 GAL Friends Newcomers Event 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only) 6:30pm Dancing Our Prayers |
| 3 Communion 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time 5:00pm MYC Middle School Youth 6:00pm MYC High School Youth | 4 9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club 1:00pm Bible Study 4:00pm Creative Arts Team 5:15pm Kidventure 5:15pm Theology on Tap | 5 9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 10:00am Staff Meeting | 6 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 1:30pm Stewardship, Budget, & Finance Team 5:30pm Women's AA Group | 7 9:30am Women in the Word 5:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 8 Office Closed 4:00pm Creative Expressions | 9 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only) |
| 10 Daylight-Saving Time Begins 10:30am Worship 11:30am Artist's Reception 5:00pm MYC Middle School Youth 6:00pm MYC High School Youth | 11 9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 10:30am Small Group 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club 1:00pm 99 GAL Friends 1:00pm Bible Study 4:00pm Building & Grounds Team 5:15pm Kidventure | 12 10:00am Staff Meeting 5:00pm Deacon Meeting | 13 Kate on vacation Pastor Matt out of office 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 1:00pm YCCO 4:30pm Personnel Committee 5:30pm Sarah Circle 5:30pm Women's AA Group | 14 Kate on vacation 9:30am Women in the Word Sm Group 5:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal | 15 Kate on vacation Office Closed 6:00pm MYC Game Night | 16 Kate on vacation 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only) |
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| 31 Easter Sunday 9:00am Easter Brunch 10:30am Worship 11:30am Easter Egg Hunt, etc. 11:30am Fellowship Time | | | | | | |