



Presbyterian Portfolio

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Upon Further Reflection

I'm Doing Leadership Mac!

A ministry colleague of mine, Beto Reyes from Praise Assembly, completed the Leadership McMinnville program through the Chamber of Commerce three years ago. This program aims to develop leaders in the city and expose them to essential aspects of city life that they may not already be familiar with. Beto loved the program, is now part of the advisory team, and he encouraged me to participate as well. After gaining the support of the congregation's Personnel Committee and the session, I am very glad to be part of this year's Leadership Mac cohort. Participation means I will go one day each month with a diverse cohort of 28 professionals to explore a different aspect of civic life in our wonderful community. The topics include:

Teamwork & Trust (Challenge Course) March 13, 2024

Human Services April 10, 2024

Travel & Tourism May 8, 2024

Healthcare June 12, 2024

Business & Industry July 10, 2024

Basic Services August 14, 2024

Government September 11, 2024

Education October 9, 2024

Public Safety November 13, 2024

Culture & History December 11, 2024

Our first gathering was on Wed., March 13th. The group got to know each other through a wide variety of ice breakers. One exercise required us to move to one side of the room if we agreed with a certain statement, and the other side if we disagreed. The statements ranged from quirky ("I have never left the Pacific Northwest") to personally significant ("Someone close to me is fighting a life threatening illness"). For most questions there were some people on one side of the room, some on the other, and some who landed in the middle. But the last question had everyone in agreement: "I want what is best for our city." It was inspiring to see people from so many different cultural, political, professional, and educational backgrounds united in support of bettering our community.

The second half of the day was spent at the challenge course at Camp Tillicum. After lunch and some team building exercises, we moved on to the high ropes course. I fell off the log from 30 feet in the air! Fortunately, I was fully strapped in and there were so many people on the ropes, I didn't even fall one inch. That's power of community support.

My prayer is that God will use this experience to open up new opportunities for us to collaborate with others in the city to serve together and discern where the Spirit is at work in our community. Each month I'll share a little something with you that I have learned, but please ask me if you're interested in more details, or have insights of your own that might enrich the experience.

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.

You are also invited to join us on Wednesday, April 24th at 7:00 pm in Calvin Hall West for the Deep River Contemplative Service. 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.



**Communion Sunday
April 7th**

Holy Week

HOLY WEEK



Maundy Thursday Seder Potluck

Thursday, March 28th
5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall
(limited seating / now full)

Good Friday Service

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

Easter

Sunday, March 31st

Brunch

9:00 - 10:00 am

Worship

10:30 am

Easter Egg Hunt & Celebration

11:30 am

Fellowship Time

11:30 am



ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received on Easter Sunday

In this season of Lent, we follow Jesus' example;
walking alongside the most vulnerable
to partner in repairing the harm inflicted upon them.

WE ARE THE CHURCH, TOGETHER:
and we are there with those who need us.

Each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of People,

Please give generously.
IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

Make checks to "FPC" and not for OGHS, or you can go to our website, fpc-mac.org, to give online.

Music Ministry

Did you enjoy the varied selection of choir anthems, praise team music, hand bell selections, and keyboard pieces you heard during the weeks leading up to Easter? Be sure to say thanks to any of our musical volunteers. They spend much time preparing music for our worship services and their efforts are greatly appreciated. Your feedback helps the music program grow and thrive here at First Presbyterian.

One special music moment happened on March 1st when Joan Paddock, Mark Bacon, and Craig Hanson presented a Baroque trumpet duo and organ concert. The concert attracted a good crowd of music lovers and they enjoyed pieces by Vivaldi, Bach, and others.



Here's a plea to our volunteer church musicians. There are opportunities to play for worship in late April, May and June and beyond. Intros, centering reflections, (formerly the offertory) and postlude spots are available. Also spots for ensembles and singing groups or soloists are available. Please contact Marcia to offer your skills and schedule a convenient date.

Earth Care Corner

National Earth Day, April 22nd

Volunteer!

In celebration of National Earth Day, on **Saturday, April 20th at 10 am**, the Earth Care Committee is partnering with the Greater Yamhill Watershed Council by participating in a restoration project along Cozine Creek on the Linfield Campus. (See information and map to the right.)

To register go to <https://bit.ly/4cuyzb3> or contact Lou Savage at loudsavage@gmail.com.

Earth Day Sunday Worship Service April 21st

Join us in worship as we celebrate God's gift of the earth. Following the service, the Earth Care team will share seed packets for planting in your garden.

Orientation and Parking

Orientation and introductions begin at 10:00am. Participants will be able to choose between removing invasive blackberries, planting plants along Cozine Creek, or weeding and assisting with maintenance projects in the Linfield Community Garden. Overflow parking is available across campus. Please dress for the weather!

Register here!

Linfield Environmental Studies

Earth Care Corner continued

2024 Certified Earth Care Congregation!

Thank you to everyone for taking time to respond and implement Earth Care practices in your church related activities. We are again certified as an Earth Care Congregation.



FPC folks visit Eloheh Farms

On March 18th, twelve folks from FPC visited Randy and Edith Woodley's farm north of Yamhill. Randy, Edith, their family and helpers shared their farm practices plus their philosophy of being one with God's creation. Randy grew up in a culture similar to ours. He and Edith sought out their indigenous culture and discovered its richness and value. They found the wisdom of moving towards adopting some of those practices for a more sustainable future.



Zero Waste McMinnville Speaker Series 2024

Waste + Bugs = Soil

McMinnville Public Library - Carnegie Room

April 1st @ 6:30pm

Join us for an enlightening evening with Pat Crowley, CEO and Founder of Chapul Farms, an award-winning pioneer in the field of sustainable agriculture. Discover the groundbreaking work taking place at their Research and Development Center. At the heart of their innovations, the Black Soldier Fly Larvae - nature's most efficient recyclers.

Children, Youth, & Family

CHILDREN'S TIME

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

April 7: Communion
No Children's Time

April 14: Lent/Easter:
Palm Sunday +
Maundy Thursday

April 21: Important People:
Widow's Mite

April 28: Lent/Easter:
Crucifixion



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

April 1
Miracles: Raising of Lazarus

April 8
Lent/Easter:
Palm Sunday + Maundy Thursday

April 15
Important People: Widow's Mite

April 22
Important People:
Mary Anoints Jesus

April 29
Lent/Easter: Crucifixion

A JOINT MINISTRY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH & FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Children, Youth, & Family

- April 7: Youth Group @ FPC
MS 5-6:30pm, HS 6-7:30pm
- April 12: Fun Event
- April 14: Youth Group @ FPC
MS 5-6:30pm, HS 6-7:30pm
- April 21: Youth Group @ FPC
MS 5-6:30pm, HS 6-7:30pm
- April 24: Dinner @ Nancy Jo's
MS & HS 6-7pm
- April 28: Youth Group @ FPC
MS 5-6:30pm, HS 6-7:30pm

McMinnville Youth Collective
APRIL



McMINNVILLE YOUTH COLLECTIVE
DINNER
Wednesday, April 24
from 6-7 pm @ Nancy Jo's
BRING MONEY FOR DINNER. FRIENDS ALWAYS WELCOME.



McMinnville Youth Collective
LANGERS
APRIL 12
1:00 - 4:00 PM
COST \$20 + extra \$ for snacks & extra activities
Drop off & Pick up at First Baptist Church
Everyone will receive a \$20 game card



Children, Youth, & Family



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



McMinnville Youth Collective
Service Learning Trip
way-to, 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

What we've been up to IN MARCH

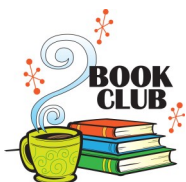
In **CHILDREN'S TIME** and **KIDVENTURE**, we finished up learning about parables. We heard about the parable of the good Samaritan, the parable of the rich man, and the parable of the unmerciful servant. We then spent some time learning about important people in the Gospels. We learned about Mary and Martha, and we learned about Zacchaeus. We finished the month by learning about Jesus' teaching on the importance of children in his kingdom.

The **McMINNVILLE YOUTH COLLECTIVE** was excited to welcome *Dancing Our Prayers* to McMinnville and share part of our experience from this past summer. In youth group we spent an evening exploring Lent, Holy Week, and Easter through scripture and art. We also spent time continuing our learnings on local Indian tribes and the treaties. We also spent time this month having lots of fun. We spent an evening playing *Pictionary in the Air* and we had a game night at Mac Cov where we rapped children's books, designed clothes out of news paper, and ran around a lot. We ended the month with a time of fellowship at Alf's.

Ongoing Activities

Weekly Bible Study 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 in the Witherspoon Room. Come join the discussion. We will not meet on Monday, April 15th,

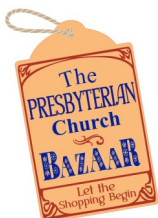


BOOK CLUB

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 *American Nations: A History of the Eleven Rival Regional Cultures of North America* by Colin Woodard. This is a study of the different American regions and their unique culture. This book particularly looks as the history and culture that influences each region politically.

We will meet on May 28th at 4pm on Zoom to discuss this book. Contact Kate for the Zoom link.



Bazaar Planning Begins

It is time to start planning for our Annual November Bazaar. We need your help. We are working on funds to replace the carpet in the Fellowship Hall, Calvin East, and Calvin West.

During the Bazaar we sell our traditional Presbyterian Soup and homemade pies. But we also sell homemade merchandise made lovingly by members of our congregation who donate their time, talents, and their supplies. Many projects are already in progress.

Join us on **Sunday, April 21st in the Whitman Room following worship** for a brief meeting to check in. If you can help or have any questions, come. It is always a fun event and a great time to connect with the community.

Your Bazaar Committee, Mary Ellen Fleeger, Nancy MacDonald, & Ann Widen.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Presbyterian Women

Sarah Circle

April 10th 6:00 pm
Witherspoon Room

Agape Circle

April 17th 9:30 am
Hillside Manor, Room 315
Lesson 8

Priscilla Circle

April 22nd 7:00 pm
Hostess: Marilyn Enger
Lesson 8: Cathy Stephens
(meet at church at 6:30 pm to carpool)



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, April 1st at 5:15 pm for fellowship and discussion.

Nuts & Bolts

DOLLAR\$&CENTS

FINANCIAL REPORT

(Operating Fund)

<u>February:</u>	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Budget</u>	
Receipts	\$ 26,459	7.0%	\$ 31,286	8.3%
Expenses	30,154	7.0%	35,821	8.3%
Increase/ (Decrease)	\$(3,695)	6.8%	\$(4,535)	8.3%

<u>Year to Date:</u>	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Budget</u>	
Receipts	\$ 53,425	14.2%	\$ 62,572	16.7%
Expenses	72,084	16.8%	71,641	16.7%
Increase/ (Decrease)	\$(18,660)	34.3%	\$(9,069)	16.7%

February receipts were less than budget while expenses were also less than budget, resulting in a deficit. The annual operating budget is estimated to end with a deficit.

Thank you for your continued support.

Staff Out of the Office

Marcia Stratman will be away Thursday, April 4th through Sunday, April 7th.

Kate Satterstrom will be away at the NEXT Conference Thursday, April 4th through Thursday, April 11th.

Pastor Matt Johnson will be out of the office on Thursday, April 4th and Wednesday, April 10th. He will be on Study Leave Tuesday, April 16th through Sunday, April 21st.

Nancy MacDonald will be out of the office on Monday, April 1st. She will be on medical leave Wednesday, April 24th through Tuesday, May 21st.

**Temporary Office Hours
April 24th - May 21st
Monday -Thursday, 9am - 1:30pm**

Session Highlights

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

1. Approved \$4896 for roof repairs to eliminate the problem of standing water on the Education Wing roof, and to have custom leaf traps for the downspouts.
2. Approved shortening the office hours during the Administrative Coordinator's upcoming time off. The office will be open 9 am - 1:30 pm, from April 24th - May 21st.
3. The final Lilly Grant reports were submitted.
4. Session welcomed a presentation by Dr. Jan Iversen who would like to partner with the church in order to be able to provide workshops for people that would cover parenting, coping with grief, resilience, etc. There will be a meet and greet, tentatively scheduled for Sunday morning, May 5th. More to come.

Membership Class

Interested in joining First Presbyterian Church or finding out more about it? Coming in May there will be a two-day class, Thurs., March 9th from 10am -noon and on Sunday, March 12th from 9-10 am. Please contact Pastor Matt if interested in attending.

Next Portfolio Deadline: April 19, 2024

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All in the Family



April BIRTHDAYS

Steve Priebe	1st
Beryl Foster	2nd
Adelynn Moore	4th
Dee Piazza	4th
Dave Haugeberg	10th
Marlene Radasch	11th
Kent Thomson	11th
Rob Laddusaw	12th
Patty Good	14th
Pat Stanfield	15th
Alison Thomson	20th
Sharie Clevenger	21st
John Fletcher	23rd
John Fletcher, Jr	23rd
Grayson Moore	25th
Star Thomson	25th
Ralph Litchfield	27th
Rachel Parker	28th
Stewart Bone	30th

Happy Birthday!



With Deepest Sympathy

Our church family extends
our deepest sympathy to the family of

Becky Badley

Becky passed away on Saturday,
March 16, 2024 in Florida.

May God grant comfort and peace
to her friends and loved ones.

Prayer Requests

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



April 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. Barb Schoof
2. Ken Sherwood
3. Sandra Sherwood
4. Tim & Wendy Shuler, Matie
5. Marvin & Eileen Slater
6. Scott Smith & Sara DeMaster Smith,
Christian & Fianna
7. David Staneck & Mona Ornelas-Staneck,
Jillian
8. David Staneck, Sr.
9. Pat Stanfield
10. Simon Steely
11. Chris Steinman & Mandy Burnside, Autumn
& Hunter
12. McMinnville Youth Collective Event
13. Mike & Cathy Stephens
14. Dolores Sterling
15. Kidventure
16. Marin Sterling
17. Teagan Sterling
18. Marcia Stratman
19. Presbytery Meeting
20. Alison Thomson, Arabella & Abram
21. Kent & Star Thomson
22. Earth Day
23. Dale & Carolyn Tomlinson
24. Arthur Van Uchelen
25. Paul & Anneke Van Uchelen
26. Margaret Wallace
27. John & Lori Wallick
28. Dave & Ann Widen
29. Dan Willis
30. Ruth Willis

Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Easter Sunday 9:00am Easter Brunch 10:30am Worship 11:30am Easter Egg Hunt, etc. 11:30am Fellowship Time	1 Nancy out of the office 9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club 1:00pm Bible Study 5:15pm Kidventure 5:15pm Theology on Tap	2 9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 10:00am Staff Meeting 12:00pm Soroptimists Meeting	3 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 4:30pm Personnel Committee 5:30pm Women's AA Group	4 Kate out of office Marcia on vacation Pastor Matt out of office 9:30am Women in the Word 3:30pm Mission Team	5 Kate to NEXT Conference Marcia on vacation Office Closed	6 Kate to NEXT Conference Marcia on vacation 10:00am 99 GAL Friends Event 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only)
7 Communion Kate to NEXT Conference Marcia on vacation 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time 5:00pm MYC Middle School Youth 6:00pm MYC High School Youth	8 Kate to NEXT Conference 9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club 1:00pm 99 GAL Friends 1:00pm Bible Study 4:00pm Building & Grounds Team 5:15pm Kidventure	9 Kate to NEXT Conference 9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 10:00am Staff Meeting	10 Kate to NEXT Conference Pastor Matt out of office 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 1:00pm YCCO 5:30pm Women's AA Group 6:00pm Sarah Circle	11 Kate to NEXT Conference 9:30am Women in the Word 5:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	12 Office Closed 1:00pm MYC Event	13 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only)
14 10:30am Worship 11:30am Worship & Music Planning 5:00pm MYC Middle School Youth 6:00pm MYC High School Youth	15 9:00am McMinville Garden Club 9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club 5:15pm Kidventure	16 Pastor Matt on Study Leave 9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 1:00pm Tai Chi Class 5:30pm Endowment Committee on Zoom	17 Pastor Matt on Study Leave 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 9:30am Agape Circle 5:30pm Women's AA Group	18 Pastor Matt on Study Leave 9:30am Women in the Word 1:00pm Tai Chi Class 5:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	19 Office Closed Pastor Matt on Study Leave Presbytery Meeting 10:30am 99 GAL Friends CES Focus Team	20 Pastor Matt on Study Leave Presbytery Meeting 10:00am Cozine Creek Cleanup 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only)
21 Pastor Matt on Study Leave 10:30am Worship 11:30am Presbyterian Bazaar Meeting 3:00pm Plastic Project Workshop 5:00pm MYC Middle School Youth 6:00pm Investment Club 6:00pm MYC High School Youth	22 Earth Day 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	23 Portfolio 9:00am Earth Care Committee 9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Tai Chi Class	24 Nancy on Medical Leave 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 5:00pm MYC Dinner 5:30pm Women's AA Group 7:00pm Deep River Contemplative Worship	25 Nancy on Medical Leave 9:30am Women in the Word 1:00pm Tai Chi Class 5:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	26 Nancy on Medical Leave Office Closed	27 Nancy on Medical Leave 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only)
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