



Presbyterian Portfolio

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Upon Further Reflection

What's Your Top 3?

One of our family practices at the end of each year is to go around the dinner table as each person names their "Top 3" moments from the previous year. There are the predictable responses of vacations, video games, and birthdays, but sometimes we hear a surprise: a long worked for achievement, time together when things were difficult, the opportunity to help someone in need. I like to seek out a favorite event which was loved by everyone in the family, but which nobody had yet remembered. These mentions get a big response, "Oh, yeah!"

As we go through our top moments in a year, we are practicing gratitude. This is an enjoyable tradition once a year, but it can become a truly powerful practice if we can make it part of our regular way of life.

Gratitude is so powerful that people who have high levels of gratitude are less likely to feel lonely. One recent study found that, "If someone was above average in gratitude, they had a 62% chance of being below average in loneliness." You can read an article about this study here:

https://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/can_we_ease_loneliness_with_a_little_gratitude

What's the connection between gratitude and loneliness? When we take time to notice things we are grateful for, we also notice the people who care for us, encourage us, offer to help, share in the ups and downs of life with us, and make us smile. The more specific we can be with our gratitude, the more likely we are to notice that we do not go through life alone. I would add that when we notice things to be grateful for we also recognize the loving care and abiding presence of our Creator and Savior.

In a few days we will wrap up the year 2024 and step into 2025. It's a great opportunity for us to share your personal "Top 3" moments around a table of friends or family. But why should we only do this one time per year? I'm asking God to help me make a regular practice of noticing things I'm grateful for in everyday life. Gratitude is powerful – especially when we face times that are difficult.

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love
and his wonderful deeds for humankind,
for he satisfies the thirsty
and fills the hungry with good things.
Psalm 107:8-9

Pastor Matt Johnson

Worship

WORSHIP *with us*

**Communion Sundays
January 5th & 19th**

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.

Deep River Contemplative Services are on the last Wednesday of most months at 7:00 pm. There will not be a service in December. The January service will be on January 29th.



Join us on Saturday at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Sometimes the holiday season isn't filled with joy and hopeful feelings. It can be a time of mourning and doubt. Our Longest Night Service holds space for all the feelings of the season.



Join us on Tuesday, December 24th at 7pm for a service celebrating the birth of Jesus. This Christmas, candlelight service is perfect for the whole family!

Worship & Music Quarterly Planning Lunch

The Worship and Music Ministry Team invites you to join us for lunch on Sunday, January 12th at noon for a time of listening and reflecting on worship and music. Come join us in Calvin Hall East.

Please let Pastor Matt or the church office know if you are planning to attend.

Music Ministry

Joyous Christmas Greetings to each one of you! I do hope your Christmas plans will prove to be full of fun, great food, and much spiritual joy.

Many thanks go to our congregational members for their generous support of the Messiah performances this past year. Several of our members sang in the chorus, and the financial donations of many of you helped us pay all the bills with a bit left over.

Here are a few musical activities to look forward to in January.

January 9 – Chancel Choir rehearsal at 7 pm. If you wish to be a part of our choir please come and join us. We generally sing for worship on the first and third Sundays of each month. For January, we will sing on January 19th for worship.

January 11 – First Praise Team rehearsal for the new year. This once-a-month Saturday rehearsal begins at 3 pm and the Praise Team will sing for worship on January 12th. New members are welcome...especially if you play the drums! Praise Team generally meets for rehearsal on the Saturday before the 2nd Sunday of each month. We play for worship on the second Sunday of each month.

January 23 – Our first hand bell choir rehearsal for 2025 will begin at 5:45 pm on Thursday. The hand bells play for worship as frequently as we can. We would welcome 1-2 more people who can read music and count rhythms to join us. Please let me know if you are interested in joining our bell choir.

And lastly, we are always looking for **musical volunteers to share their talents** with the congregation for musical parts of the worship service.

Questions? Please contact me at marciastratman@gmail.com or call or text me at 971-387-6183.

A joyous Noel to all and best wishes for a wonderful New Year – Marcia

Presbyterian Bazaar

Thank you to everyone who helped out with our annual Bazaar this year. Our sales were \$11,600!

The Committee decided to disperse \$10,500 of the proceeds leaving the balance in the bank to help cover the expenses of next year's Bazaar. The funds were distributed as follows:

- \$8,000 to the Building & Grounds carpet fund
- \$1,000 to the Wednesday Breakfast
- \$1,500 to the Community Dinner

Thank you again to everyone who cooked, baked, served as a volunteer on set-up or as a cashier, made merchandise, packaged soup and pie, provided raffle baskets, and greeted our guests. It was a blessing to be able to open our doors to the community and offer such great hospitality. We look forward to next year. Save the dates, November 7th & 8th, 2025.

Presbyterian Bazaar Committee

Mission

Giving Tree for Henderson House



Thank you so much to all who selected a star and purchased gifts for the families at Henderson House. We were able to provide 16 families with 84 gifts. We partnered with the Soroptimists, who provided gifts for 4 families with 21 gifts.

Thank you for your help in spreading joy in Christ's name locally during this Christmas season!



CHRISTMAS JOY
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

CHURCH LEADERS—PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Sunday, December 22nd

The Christmas Joy Offering is one of four annual special offerings of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). This Offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Please consider contributing to this offering which will be received on Sunday, December 22nd. There will be envelopes in the pews for your use. Make checks to "FPC" and note for Joy Offering. You can also drop off or mail your contribution to the church office or go online to give.

Earth Care

Reusable Food Container Program

The reusable food container program has launched in McMinnville! **Alchemist's Jam** is the first participating restaurant, and they had a very successful first day on Saturday, November 30! Please go and support their bravery in being the first restaurant to start the program! Just as exciting, our second restaurant will also have their containers arriving in early December--it is **Local Flow Health Bar** on 3rd street. Please show your support to these restaurants for starting this exciting program! Be sure to borrow their new stainless steel reusable containers with your food and drink!

This program offers stainless steel cups and takeout containers. You pay a deposit, "borrow, rinse, return" the containers and get your deposit back.

Styrofoam Ban Starts January 1st

A new Oregon law prevents any food containers made of Styrofoam to be used for prepared food. Don't accept any Styrofoam after New Year's.

Children, Youth, & Family

CHILDREN'S TIME

Sundays at 10:30am

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

- January 5: Communion
No Children's Time
- January 12: Baptism
- January 19: Ephesians
- January 26: Philippians



KIDVENTURE

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

January 6
Ephesians 6
The Armor of God

January 13
Acts 8
Baptism

January 20
No Kidventure
Martin Luther King Jr Day

January 27
Philippians 4
Life in Christ

A JOINT MINISTRY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH & FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Art Camp
at First Presbyterian Church
January 20
9.00 AM - Noon

Age 5-13

\$5 suggested donation

REGISTER HERE
Or at fpc-mac.org

4 ART GROUPS
Kindergarten to 1st Grade
2nd Grade to 3rd Grade
4th Grade to 5th Grade
6th Grade to 8th Grade

All are welcome!

Please Register by Jan 17



Children, Youth, & Family

- 1/5: Youth Band
@ McMinnville Covenant Church, 3:30-4:30pm
- 1/5: Youth Group @ First Presbyterian Church
MS-5-6:30pm, HS-6-7:30pm
- 1/8: Pizza Lunch at MHS, Room #D122
- 1/10: Bowling @Walnut City Lanes 5-7pm
- 1/12: Youth Band
@ McMinnville Covenant Church, 3:30-4:30pm
- 1/12: Youth Group @ First Presbyterian Church
MS-5-6:30pm, HS-6-7:30pm
- 1/19: Youth Group @ First Presbyterian Church
MS-5-6:30pm, HS-6-7:30pm
- 1/21: Youth Group Dinner @ Gordo Tacos 6-7pm
- 1/26: Youth Band
@ McMinnville Covenant Church, 3:30-4:30pm
- 1/26: Youth Group @ First Presbyterian Church
MS-5-6:30pm, HS-6-7:30pm

McMinnville Youth Collective

JANUARY



McMinnville Youth Collective **BOWLING**

5-7 pm



Friday, January 10

Walnut City Lanes
\$20 for bowling
pizza dinner provided
Friends Welcome



McMINNVILLE YOUTH COLLECTIVE **DINNER**

**Tuesday, January 21
6-7 pm @ Gordo's Tacos**

BRING MONEY FOR DINNER. FRIENDS ALWAYS WELCOME.



Nuts & Bolts

DOLLAR\$&CENTS

FINANCIAL REPORT

(Operating Fund)

November:	Actual		Budget	
Receipts	\$ 36,800	9.8%	\$ 31,286	8.3%
Expenses	31,162	7.2%	35,821	8.3%
Increase/ (Decrease)	\$5,638	10.4%	\$(4,535)	8.3%

Year to Date:	Actual		Budget	
Receipts	\$ 366,717	97.7%	\$ 344,144	91.7%
Expenses	372,471	86.7%	394,026	91.7%
Increase/ (Decrease)	\$(5,755)	10.6%	\$(49,881)	91.7%

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

Thank you for your continued support.

Prayer Requests

Contact Carley Bushart at
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Next Portfolio Deadline: January 20, 2025

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Session Highlights

Action taken and information items are summarized for the Portfolio monthly. There are no highlights for this month as Session will not meet until after the Portfolio has gone to print.

Staff Out of the Office

Pastor Matt will be on vacation Thursday, Dec. 26th through Thursday, Jan. 2nd.

Kate Satterstrom will be on vacation Thursday, Dec. 26th through Thursday, Jan. 2nd.

Nancy MacDonald will be on vacation Thursday & Friday, Dec. 26th & 27th.



The church office will be closed

**December 25th, 26th, & 27th
January 1st
January 20th**

Annual Report



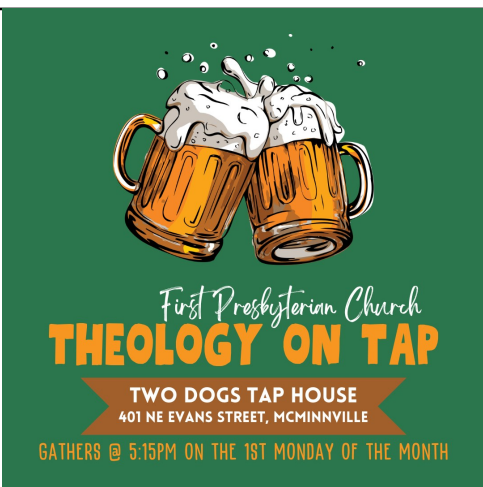
Attention All Ministry Teams & Committees!

It is that time once again to be thinking about your contribution to the Annual Report. All reports need to be turned in to the church office by **January 10, 2025**. Please email the report to Nancy at nancym@fpc-mac.org.

Thank you!

If you would like to see a copy of last year's report contact the office and we will be happy to get a copy to you.

Upcoming Events



Join Pastor Matt on Monday, January 6th at 5:15 pm for fellowship and discussion.

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 Whitman Room.

We will not be meeting on Monday, Dec. 23rd or 30th. We will gather again on Jan. 6th.



Quilt Group

Fourteen children's blankets were made at FPC and donated to Henderson House and Juliette's House. Church members and friends donated their extra cotton fabrics. Boersma's Sewing Center also donated fabric. Volunteers met at the church to tie the blanket layers together.

Now, the Quilt Group plans to stop meeting for a while and take a rest.



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 on Tuesday, January 28th at 4pm we will be discussing "A Great Country" by Shilpi Somaya Gowda.

On Wednesday, February 26th at 4pm we will meet to discuss "Generations" by Jean M. Twenge.

Contact Kate Satterstrom for the Zoom link.

A logo for an annual meeting featuring a snowflake, a purple flower, a sun, and a leaf. The text reads: 'ANNUAL MEETING'.

The Annual Congregational Meeting will be on Sunday, January 26th 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. A light meal will be provided.

All in the Family



Gail Johnson	2nd
Donna Lunt	3rd
Rich Custer	5th
Marvin Slater	6th
Denise Hill	7th
Joyce Archibald	10th
Jeff Clevenger	13th
Bob Parry	15th
Skip Huwaldt	20th
Dianne Barske	24th
Archer Tryon	25th
Ted Miller	28th
Ann Austin	31st

Happy Birthday!

PRAYING
FOR YOU

January 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. The New Year
2. Wayne & Linda Harris
3. Corrine Hatch
4. Dave & Cathy Haugeberg
5. Taylor & Kaylyn Haworth, Bradley & Kenna
6. Zella Hisaw
7. Audrey Horowitz
8. Skip & Claudia Huwaldt
9. Bob & Jan Irish
10. Gail Johnson
11. Matt Johnson & Sonja Soderlund, Micah & Caleb
12. Janice Jones
13. Nancy Kirkelie
14. Deacons
15. Session
16. Lea Ann Knorr
17. Norm & Cynthia Kramer
18. Community Dinner
19. McMinnville Youth Collective
20. Art Camp
21. Jane Kristof
22. Wednesday Breakfast
23. Rob & Sharon Laddusaw
24. Steve & Nona Larson
25. Sandra Lawrence
26. Annual Congregational Meeting
27. Kidventure
28. Ralph & Janet Litchfield
29. Bob & Donna Lunt
30. Tom & Nancy MacDonald



Donations Needed

The Wednesday Breakfast and Community Dinner are in need of cold weather clothing to give to our guests. If you have coats, hats, gloves, socks, or blankets that you could give, they would be greatly appreciated. Please bring them to the church office.

Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>29</p> <p>Kate on vacation Pastor Matt on vacation 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Kate on vacation Pastor Matt on vacation 9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Kate on vacation Pastor Matt on vacation</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Kate on vacation Office Closed Pastor Matt on vacation 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 5:30pm Women's AA Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Kate on vacation Pastor Matt on vacation</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only)</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Communion 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time 12:30pm MYC Leadership at Mac Cov 5:00pm MYC Middle School Youth 6:00pm MYC High School Youth</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club 1:00pm Bible Study 4:00pm Creative Arts 5:15pm Kidventure 5:15pm Theology on Tap</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 10:00am Staff Meeting</p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 1:30pm Stewardship, Budget, & Finance Team 5:30pm Women's AA Group 6:00pm Sarah Circle</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9:30am Women in the Word 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Office Closed 5:00pm MYC Bowling</p>	<p>11</p> <p>3:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only)</p>
<p>12</p> <p>10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time 12:00pm Worship & Music Planning Lunch 5:00pm MYC Middle School Youth 6:00pm MYC High School Youth</p>	<p>13</p> <p>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</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm Garden Club Committee 4:00pm Deacon Meeting</p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 9:30am Agape Circle 5:30pm Women's AA Group 7:00pm Session</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9:30am Women in the Word 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Office Closed 4:00pm Soroptimists DIBI</p>	<p>18</p> <p>5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only)</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Communion 10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time 5:00pm MYC Middle School Youth 6:00pm Investment Club 6:00pm MYC High School Youth</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Office Closed 9:00am Art Camp 9:00am McMinnville Garden Club 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club</p>	<p>21</p> <p>9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 10:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm MYC Dinner</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Portfolio 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 5:30pm Women's AA Group</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9:30am Women in the Word 3:00pm 99 GAL Friends Women's Health Team 5:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Office Closed 10:30am 99 GAL Friends CES Focus Team</p>	<p>25</p> <p>5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only)</p>
<p>26</p> <p>10:30am Worship 11:30am Fellowship Time 12:00pm Annual Congregational Meeting 5:00pm MYC Middle School Youth 6:00pm MYC High School Youth</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club 1:00pm Bible Study 5:15pm Kidventure</p>	<p>28</p> <p>9:00am Earth Care Committee 9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 10:00am Staff Meeting 4:00pm Social Justice Book Club on Zoom</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 5:30pm Women's AA Group 7:00pm Deep River Contemplative Worship</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:30am Women in the Word 5:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>1</p> <p>5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only)</p>