



# Presbyterian Portfolio

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## Upon Further Reflection

### Lent: A Time to Pray

The season of Lent begins on Wed, March 5<sup>th</sup>, which means this year is really flying by! My sermon series during Lent will explore themes from the book of Ecclesiastes. One of the most famous passages in the book is from chapter 3, which describes a time for every activity under the heavens. This passage was the foundation for the much loved song “Turn, Turn, Turn,” by the Birds. The passage begins “A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal...”

One activity the list doesn't mention is “A time to pray.” I would like to invite you to see Lent as a time for prayer that can lead to action.

First, a time to pray: Most of us find prayer difficult, but when we do it together, it can be easier. I invite you to join me in a pattern of prayer during Lent that has three parts:

- 1) Pray the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm each morning
- 2) Pray the Lord's Prayer each day at lunch
- 3) Close each day with the Examen prayer

The first two are straightforward – simply read or recite these prayers at the same time. Doing so when you know that others in the congregation are joining in the practice will add extra meaning to the prayers. Repeating them each day will also add depth, and you may find that they lead you to continue praying in other ways as well.

The third prayer is a little more complex. The examen prayer comes from Ignatius of Loyola, who taught his monks to end each day by

- 1) becoming aware of God's presence,
- 2) reviewing (with gratitude) what happened that day from start to finish,
- 3) paying attention to their emotions,
- 4) focusing on prayer around one area that sticks out,
- 5) looking ahead to the next day.

By sharing in these three prayers together each day during Lent, our congregation will be united by the Spirit in powerful ways that I believe will shape what we do and how we minister to others as the people of God.

I hope you will join me in this practice beginning on March 5<sup>th</sup>. If you're unsure, please reach out to me with any question or concerns. Otherwise maybe ... pray about it?

Pastor Matt Johnson

## Worship

# WORSHIP with us

### Communion Sundays March 2nd & 16th

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](http://fpc-mac.org), to view later.

Deep River Contemplative Services are on the last Wednesday of most months at 7:00 pm. The February service will be on the 26th. The March service will be on March 26th.

## Music Ministry

Lent and Easter are seasons in church life where music enhances the worship experience many times over. From the somberness of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday to the immense joy of Easter Sunday, music makes an impact in worship. If you are interested in joining our choir for a short segment of time, now is the time. Our Thursday evening rehearsals are spent praising God as we learn anthems for the various Sundays of Lent and the culmination of Easter. Easter is April 20th. This is a fairly short commitment of time. You are most welcome to join us. If you'd like more information please contact Marcia at [marciastratman@gmail.com](mailto:marciastratman@gmail.com)

Looking for musical volunteers to participate in various segments of worship is a constant search. I am thankful for my regular volunteers who use this opportunity to get better at whatever instrument they play while providing our congregation with meditative and spiritual music. There are always slots available and we can accommodate your schedule when choosing a Sunday for you to share your musical gifts. If you are interested or wish to have questions answered, let me know. Singers, pianists, organists, other instrumentalists – all are welcome. We will find a spot for you.

I'd like to announce that I've turned in my resignation letter as director of music effective at the end of May. As a professional church musician for most of my life I know now is the time that many church musicians contemplate where they will be the following fall. Many musicians begin perusing job offering opportunities and making decisions of where they will serve in the fall. I wanted to be sure that the people of First Presbyterian have enough time to construct job requirements and distribute them nationwide, if need be, to obtain a musician that will fulfill all their needs.

Many blessings to all as we sail headlong into Lent and prepare for the resurrection of our Lord.

Marcia Stratman

## Upcoming



The Season of Lent Begins

Join us for an  
**Ash Wednesday  
Ecumenical Gathering**

at First Baptist Church, 125 SE Cowls St.

**March 5th**

6:15 pm Supper in the Social Hall

7:00 pm Service in the Sanctuary

First Baptist Church will provide soups,  
First Presbyterian will provide bread,  
St. Barnabas salads, &  
Cooperative Ministries dessert.

Would you like to sing in the choir for the Ash  
Wednesday Service? Be at St. Barnabas at  
6 pm on March 4th to rehearse.



**Blanket the World with Love  
Church World Service  
Blankets+ Offering  
Sunday, February 23rd**

For over 75 years, Church World Service has been helping people of faith bring God's hope and healing to people in the U.S. and around the world. When difficult times happen, a kind and loving response can make all the difference. That's why the CWS Blankets program was created—to give a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone.

\$10 will buy a CWS Blanket,  
\$25 will buy a CWS Blanket and a CWS  
Hygiene Kit,

You can be part of the miracle. Blanket the world with love. Contribute to this offering by writing a check to "FPC" and note for "blankets" or go online to give on Feb. 23rd.

### **Adult Education Series: How do we love our neighbors who fear deportation?**

Jan Irish has been taking a class from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary where she has been learning with both English and Spanish speakers about current issues surrounding the migration crisis. On Sunday mornings April 6, 13, and 27 from 9:15am to 10:15am, she and Pastor Matt will hold a class in Calvin West to discuss the following topics:

- 1) History of colonization and racism in Central America, European missions (Jan Irish)
- 2) Biblical and theological perspectives on migration (Pastor Matt Johnson)
- 3) Current characteristics of human migrations (Jan Irish)

We hope you will join us to add to our discernment about how we can love our neighbors in our current time and place.



# ELOHEH

INDIGENOUS CENTER FOR EARTH JUSTICE

## Garden Planning Workshop

**Where:** First Baptist Church, 125 SE Cowls St, McMinnville, OR 97128

**When:** Saturday, March 15; 3:30-5 pm

**Teachers:** CJ Lacy Hanks, Amy Vernon

**Content:** \*This is our first Garden Planning workshop

**Please be flexible as the content may shift/adapt**

- What is Eloheh
- Indigenous relationship with plants and seeds
- Basics of garden planning: seeds to buy/avoid, choosing locations for your plants, planning for watering, rotating plants, seeds v. transplants, companion planting
- How planning for insects and pollinators can help your garden
- Saving seeds from your garden
- Opportunity to get input on your garden planning
- And more!

**Recommended Donation:** Cash or Venmo will be accepted at the event

(if the cost would be prohibitive of you joining, please know you we still want you to come.

Our priority is community first.)

\$25 general admission

**Register:** Please scan the QR code below or use this link to register: [bit.ly/4hHKVyV](https://bit.ly/4hHKVyV)



# Children, Youth, & Family

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Sundays at 10:30am

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

March 2: Communion  
No Children's Time

March 9: Lent

March 16: Rich in God

March 23: Mercy

March 30: Forgiveness



## KIDVENTURE

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

### March 3

Ecclesiastes 3:20  
Ash Wednesday

### March 10

1 Timothy 2:1-8  
Prayer

### March 17

2 Timothy 1:1-14  
Faith Passed Down

### March 24

No Kidventure, Spring Break

### March 31

Philemon 1:17-21  
Forgiveness

A JOINT MINISTRY OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH & FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# SUMMER 2025

## Vacation Bible School

June 23-27  
9am - Noon  
PreK-Grade 5  
at FPC

## Summer Camp

Camp Arrah Wanna  
July 14-18  
Grades 1-12  
Register at [camparrahwanna.org](http://camparrahwanna.org)

## Service Learning Trip

Circlewood  
Camano Island, WA  
July 27-August 1  
Grades 6-12



# Children, Youth, & Family

3/2: Youth Band @ Mac Cov Church 3:30-4:30pm  
 Youth Group @ First Presbyterian Church MS-5-6:30pm, HS-6-7:30pm

3/5: Pizza Lunch at MHS, Room #DI22

3/9: Youth Band @ Mac Cov Church 3:30-4:30pm  
 Youth Group @ First Presbyterian Church MS-5-6:30pm, HS-6-7:30pm

3/14: Game Night @ McMinnville Covenant Church, 6-8pm

3/16: Youth Band @ Mac Cov Church 3:30-4:30pm  
 Youth Group @ First Presbyterian Church MS-5-6:30pm, HS-6-7:30pm

3/18: Youth Group Dinner @ Gerald's, 6-7pm

3/23: No Youth Band or Youth Group

3/30: Youth Band @ Mac Cov Church 3:30-4:30pm  
 Youth Group @ First Presbyterian Church MS-5-6:30pm, HS-6-7:30pm

McMinnville Youth Collective




McMinnville Youth Collective  
**SERVICE  
 LEARNING TRIP**

July 27 - August 1, 2025  
 Camano Island, Washington

**INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS**

In Person: March 2nd, 4-5pm  
 at FPC Youth Room

Zoom: March 4th, 6pm




McMinnville Youth Collective  
**DINNER**

**Tuesday, March 18  
 6-7 pm @ Gerald's**

BRING MONEY FOR DINNER. FRIENDS ALWAYS WELCOME.



## Nuts & Bolts

# DOLLAR\$&CENTS

### FINANCIAL REPORT

(Operating Fund)

<u>January</u>	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Budget</u>	
Receipts	\$ 35,038	7.9%	\$ 37,038	8.3%
Expenses	41,010	8.9%	38,200	8.3%
Increase/ (Decrease)	\$(5,973)	42.8%	\$(1,163)	8.3%

<u>2025 YTD:</u>	<u>Actual</u>		<u>Budget</u>	
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January receipts were less than budget while expenses were greater than budget, resulting in a deficit. The annual operating fund is expected to end with a deficit.

***Thank you for your continued support.***

### Prayer Requests

Contact Carley Bushart at  
503-560-0183 or [prayer@fpc-mac.org](mailto:prayer@fpc-mac.org)

### Next Portfolio Deadline: March 24, 2025

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### Session Highlights

Action taken and information items are summarized for the Portfolio monthly. These are the highlights of the February 19th Session Meeting:

1. Session approved the bid from Roby's for replacement carpeting in Calvin Hall East, West, and the Fellowship Hall.
2. Session approved the reformation of the Visual Arts Committee and the name change to the Design Committee. This committee will reside under Buildings and Grounds, and will provide guidance and input on the color schemes and esthetics for the church.
3. Session approved the Community Dinner ad hoc committee's recommendation on exploring moving the Community Dinner back to inside dining. A plan was presented and approved, of which more information will be coming soon. The anticipated return to indoor dining is March 22nd.
4. Lengthy discussion was held regarding the challenges that our neighbors may be facing regarding the current threats of deportation, and how we as Christians can be of support to them. Resources will be compiled into a friendly list and distributed at a later date. Stay tuned for further discussions on this important issue.
5. And finally, with great sadness, Session approved the formation of a search committee and parameter settings for a new music leader.

### Staff Out of the Office

Nancy MacDonald will be on vacation Monday, Feb. 24th through Friday, Feb. 28th.

The office will be closed on Thursday, Feb. 27th. Pastor Matt and Kate will be out of the office that day.

The office will be closed on Tuesday, March 18th for a staff prayer day.

### Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 9th

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

## Events

### Caring and Connecting Small Group

Tuesday, March 4, 2025  
10 am in the Witherspoon Room

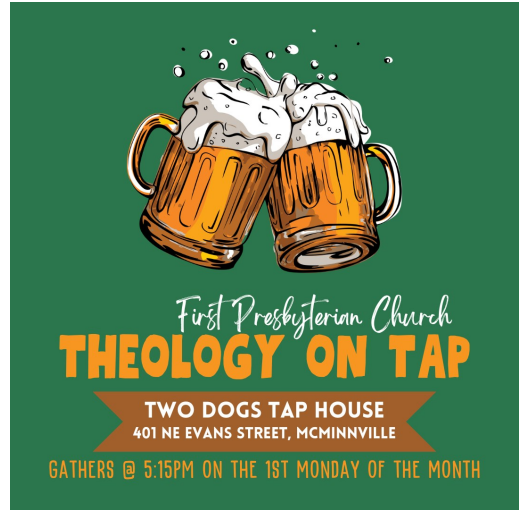
Please drop in and join us for the next meeting of the Caring and Connecting group. We are in the formative stage and the group will reflect what attendees need on any given day.

I am reminded of Psalm 34:18 “the Lord is near to the broken hearted and saves the crushed in spirit”. There was a time when a stranger prayed for me when I was broken hearted and that small gesture made a huge difference in my life. It was a reminder that God is with us in everything and is worthy of our trust as we face the difficulties of life as well as the joys of life. Sometimes we also need to experience support and caring from our Christian family. This is the intention for this group. We are not alone.

At our first meeting we spent an hour with coffee and reflections. Broken hearted is the term that stirs us to be present for others. This group can take many turns as we form, but overall we are seeking understanding and help in dealing with grief, anxiety and stress in many forms. We'll share experiences, hopes, frustrations, helpful hints and most importantly prayer and connection.

You are invited to attend! If you are interested in joining us but the time doesn't work for you, please let Becky Donaly or myself know so that we can look for future times that can fit more schedules! See you March 4th.

Linda Mihnos

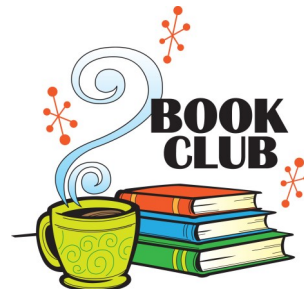


Join Pastor Matt on Monday, March 3rd at 5:15 pm for fellowship and discussion.

### 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.

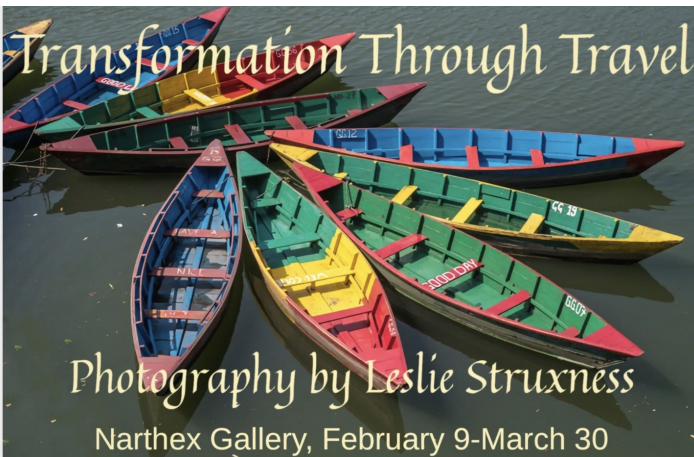
Come join the discussion!



### 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 on Wednesday, February 26th at 4pm we will meet to discuss “Generations” by Jean M. Twenge.

Contact Kate Satterstrom for the Zoom link.





## All in the Family



Paula Miller	1st
Lou Savage	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

**Happy Birthday!**



Our church family extends  
our deepest sympathy to the family of

**Leora "Lori" Hanson**

Lori passed away on January 31, 2025  
She lived at Hillside.

And to Bill Roll at the passing of his wife,

**Susan Roll**

Susan passed away on February 8, 2025. Bill  
and Susan were members from 2004-2014.

May God grant comfort and peace  
to their loved ones.

PRAYING  
FOR YOU

### 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. Dee Piazza
2. Tony Pratt & Kirsten Lund
3. Kidventure
4. Markita Price
5. Steve Priebe
6. Christine Pritts
7. Duane & Carol Qualey
8. Linda Ragland
9. Donna Reynolds
10. Jim Rogers
11. Deacons
12. Wednesday Breakfast
13. Astuti Rossner
14. Charlie Saderholm
15. Community Dinner
16. McMinnville Youth Collective
17. Bob Sagers
18. John & Wendy Sagers
19. Session
20. Thomas Sagers
21. Kate Satterstrom
22. Lou Savage & Cheryl Seagren
23. Barb Schoof
24. Ken Sherwood
25. Sandra Sherwood
26. Tim & Wendy Shuler & Matie
27. Marvin & Eileen Slater
28. Scott Smith & Sara DeMaster Smith,  
Christian & Fianna
29. David Staneck & Mona Ornelas-Staneck,  
Jillian
30. David Staneck, Sr.
31. Pat Stanfield

# Calendar



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>23</b> <b>Blankets+ Offering</b> <b>10:30am Worship</b> 11:30am Fellowship Time 5:00pm MYC Middle School Youth 6:00pm MYC High School Youth	<b>24</b> <b>Nancy on vacation</b> 9:00am Monday Morning Maintenance 10:30am Small Group 12:00pm Oak Valley Bridge Club 1:00pm Bible Study 5:15pm Kidventure	<b>25</b> <b>Nancy on vacation</b> 9:00am Earth Care Committee 9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 10:00am Staff Meeting	<b>26</b> <b>Nancy on vacation</b> 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 4:00pm Social Justice Book Club on Zoom 5:30pm Women's AA Group 7:00pm Deep River Contemplative Worship	<b>27</b> <b>Nancy on vacation</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 9:30am Women in the Word 3:00pm 99 GAL Friends Women's Health Team 5:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> <b>Nancy on vacation</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>1</b> 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only)
<b>2</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>10:30am Worship</b> 11:30am Fellowship Time 4:00pm SLT Information Meeting 5:00pm MYC Middle School Youth 6:00pm MYC High School Youth	<b>3</b> 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	<b>4</b> 9:30am Women in the Word Leadership 10:00am Caring & Connecting Small Group 11:00am Staff Meeting 6:00pm SLT Information Meeting on Zoom	<b>5</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 1:30pm Stewardship, Budget, & Finance Team 5:30pm Women's AA Group 6:15pm Soup Supper at FBC 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Service at FBC	<b>6</b> 9:30am Women in the Word 4:30pm Personnel Committee 5:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>8</b> 3:00pm Praise Team Rehearsal 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only)
<b>9</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time Begins</b> <b>10:30am Worship</b> 11:30am Fellowship Time 5:00pm MYC Middle School Youth 6:00pm MYC High School Youth	<b>10</b> 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	<b>11</b> 10:00am Staff Meeting 1:00pm McMinnville Garden Club 5:00pm Deacon Meeting	<b>12</b> 8:30am Wednesday Breakfast 1:30pm YCCO/SIT 5:30pm Women's AA Group 6:00pm Sarah Circle	<b>13</b> 5:45pm Bell Choir Rehearsal 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> MYC Game Night <b>Office Closed</b> <b>Presbytery Meeting in Portland</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Presbytery Meeting in Portland</b> 5:00pm Community Dinner (take out only)
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