

THE MULTNOMAH ANNOUNCER

Official Newsletter of Multnomah Presbyterian Church

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FROM THE PASTOR

Over the years, I have been deeply impacted by the writing of Henri Nouwen. Toward the end of Nouwen's life, he became deeply interested in the art of trapeze, and he became a great fan of the Flying Rodleights, who performed in a traveling circus throughout Germany. On one occasion, he asked them how the trapeze worked, and how they were able to execute their stunts with such great precision. This is a bit of that conversation:

"The secret," Rodleigh said, "is that the flyer does nothing and the catcher does everything. When I fly to Joe, I have simply to stretch out my arms and hands and wait for him to catch me and pull me safely over the apron behind the catchbar."

"You do nothing!" I said, surprised.

"Nothing," Rodleigh repeated. "The worst thing the flyer can do is to try to catch the catcher. I am not supposed to catch Joe. It's Joe's task to catch me...A flyer must fly, and a catcher must catch, and the flyer must trust, with outstretched arms, that his catcher will be there for him."

from *Flying, Falling, Catching*

by Henri Nouwen & Carolyn Whitney-Brown

What an incredible image of a life with Jesus! Where do you need to let go and place your trust in God to catch you?

Yours in Jesus,

Pastor Danny Peters

Sundays at MPC

Worship with us at 10:30am
in-person or via our Youtube Channel

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, August 7th

Guest Preacher:
Curtis Holm

SERMON: "WEDDING CRASHERS"
TEXT: MATTHEW 22:1-14

Sunday, August 14th

Communion

SERMON: "THE PARABLE OF
THE GREAT FEAST"
TEXT: LUKE 14:16-24

Sunday, August 21st

SERMON: "THE PARABLE OF
THE FIG TREE"
TEXT: LUKE 13:6-9

Sunday, August 28th

SERMON: "A PHARISEE AND
A TAX COLLECTOR"
TEXT: COLOSSIANS 2:6-15



Upcoming Events

**Memorial Service
for Anne Braun**
Thursday, August 4
10:00am



**Paddling Adventure
at Lacamas Lake**
Saturday, August 20

**Annual MPC
Summer Picnic**
Sunday, August 28

BUILDING & GROUNDS UPDATE

If you've stopped by the lower level or glanced out our fellowship hall windows in the last month, you may have noticed a bit more openness in our backyard. We decided the time was right to bid farewell to "The Barn" for now, so we cleared out the straw inside, redistributing it as mulch at various landscape locations around the church, and disassembled the tent to store away in the Open Door. Much thanks to Dave Tomastic, Mike Barth, The Eybergs (Dick, Daniel and Matthew) and Dennis Zerba for helping out with this endeavor.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently in need of volunteers to help with many grounds maintenance projects such as trimming bushes, weeding and cutting back ivy from the trees. If you would be willing to help in some way, please contact Dennis Zerba at dennis_zerba@msn.com or call 503-710-7128





SESSION UPDATE

Session met with representatives from Presbytery to begin the transition steps for Pastor Danny's resignation. We have a series of meetings lined up to go through the process involved with dissolving our official relationship with Danny, determining our needs for immediate pulpit supply starting September 18, the interim process, and finding our next pastor. Session will schedule a Congregational Meeting later this month to officially put the motion forward to dissolve the relationship between MPC and Danny to the congregation which is in accordance with the Presbytery process. Session is also planning a celebration of Danny's ministry with MPC following his last service with us on **September 11th**, so please mark your calendars to join us. More details will come in the next few weeks. Throughout this process, Session will communicate using the Announcer and the Weekly Bulletin. If you have specific questions please reach out to the church office and Vicki will have an elder follow up with you.

This summer, Session also:

- Authorized an expense of \$2600 from fund #381 to remove moss from the roof of the Open Door and the main building
- Transferred the remainder of the funds in #360 (Centennial Fund) to #331 (Discretionary Mission)
- Moved fund #360 to inactive status

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

F&A Committee took the month of July off, reviewing our financials electronically without meeting. Budget performance for June and the first half of 2022 is outlined below:

| | Last Month | Year to Date |
|----------|------------------|-------------------|
| Income | \$ 30,460 | \$ 190,000 |
| Expenses | <u>\$ 31,709</u> | <u>\$ 181,600</u> |
| Net | \$ (1,250) | \$ 8,400 |

We will be meeting in August to begin discussing the process for developing the budget for 2023 and how to best support the Pastor selection process.

May God bless and keep you,

Your Finance and Administration Committee





August Birthdays

- 1 Sibyl Barnum
- 3 John Dilworth
Roy Magnusson
- 7 Tim Bernasek
- 10 Thomas Bernasek
Steve Hendricks
- 11 Margie Enzor
- 13 Teri Bertell
- 17 Val Hellman
- 19 Jan Hawthorne
Louise Hood
- 21 Duane Deal
- 25 Grant Wheeler
- 26 Lukas Aberle
- 28 Eddie Kuehnel
- 30 Ethan Morehouse

MISSIONS MINISTRY

SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER DRIVE

Thank you all so much for your participation in our shampoo/conditioner drive for teens in foster care! Our barrel was nearly full, and that doesn't include those who donated online through Howard's Heart's Amazon wishlist. Howard's Heart was extremely grateful, and these items will be going out to teens in the foster system very soon.



HOMEpdx LUNCH

Our barbecue-themed lunch of hot dogs, potato salad, coleslaw, watermelon, chips, drinks, and various desserts for the unsheltered population living around the Eastbank Esplanade went very well. The lunch was well-received and those we were serving were friendly and very thankful. HOMEpdx was also very grateful for our help.

Thanks to our volunteer team: Joanna and Clay Morgan, Lori and Gene Roberts, Amy Clements, Tim Bernasek, Margie Bender, Lisa Shelley, and Janet Lowery! And thank you to everyone who brought in desserts and made this effort possible!

PAMOJA HOUSE

The new academic year at Pamoja House will begin in September. As always, this wonderful Christian ministry to immigrants in our area who are learning English is in need of more volunteers. There is a new volunteer training on **August 20th** from 9:30-12:00. Women's classes are Mon-Thurs from 9:30-12:00 and men's classes are in the evenings. There are many different kinds of volunteer positions available.





SUMMER PICNIC

Please join us on **Sunday, August 28th**, following the service, for MPC's summer picnic. Barbequed hamburgers, Polish sausages and hot dogs with all the fixings, salads, ice cream and more are on the menu. Plenty of vegetarian and gluten free options to enjoy. Plus, a perfect opportunity for fellowshiping together around the table.

If you'd like to help, please contact Sherri Kessler at (503) 860-6250. Also, if you're planning to join us it would be great if you'd RSVP to Robyn Biehler at (503) 351-4780 to help us determine how many to plan for.

Mark your calendars now so you won't miss out!!!! See you there.



CHURCH OUTSIDE THE SANCTUARY

A few months ago we launched some activities for fun and fellowship out in the community. There were two dates where we met at the BG Food Cartel in Beaverton for lunch. A group even learned some new skills at Celtic Axe Throwing.

Our next opportunity for Church Outside of the Sanctuary is **Saturday, August 20th** at 10am for a paddle adventure. Whether you have kayaks, canoes or SUPs (Stand-Up Paddleboards), Lacamas Lake is a great place to explore. Lacamas Lake is located in Camas WA with easy parking and put-in at Heritage Park. If you don't have your own equipment but enjoy a paddle, rentals are available in the park through Sweetwater (<https://sweetwatersuprentals.com/>). There is also a 6.9 mile walking trail if you would rather get a hike in.

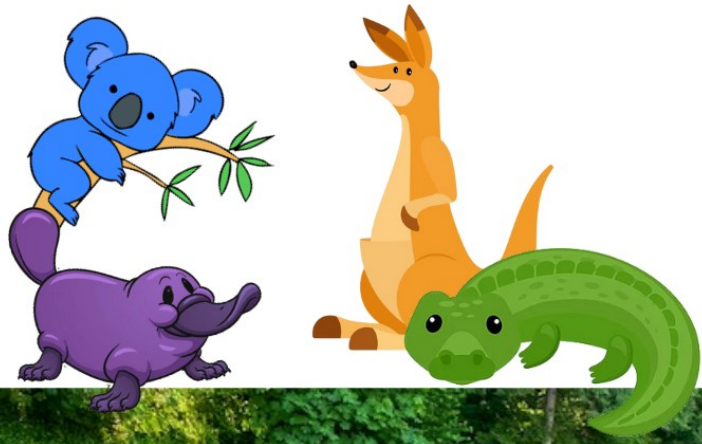
If you are interested in participating, please let Kate England (kate.england.645@gmail.com) know so we know how many to expect and have contact information in case of unexpected things like algae blooms. Also this is a great opportunity to invite friends. Feel free to reach out to Lori Roberts or Kate England if you have questions.



YOUTH

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VBS HELPERS

This year we intentionally kept numbers smaller, and switched to an afternoon time slot, and what we got was one of the most fun VBS years ever. Without the large crowd and early morning, there was a relaxed, fun atmosphere that kids really enjoyed. Parents had to deal with a whole day of "when do we get to go to VBS" from kids that were anxious to come back, but that's just because it's so much fun. It was a great week of learning all about God's love for us, and we couldn't have done it without all of our awesome volunteers who guided, fed, taught, equipped with pre-cut crafts, and so much more. We are so grateful to all who contributed!!!





THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR ALASKA TEAM!

We were welcomed back by the town of Skagway and had a great week of VBS and youth group. Because this was somewhat of a rebuilding year after the pandemic-induced-absence, our teens and leaders had to work extra hard to rebuild connections, and they were awesome. We pivoted programming, walked through the neighborhood reintroducing ourselves, and provided a fun week for kids and teens. Parents were happy to have us there, and students were happy to see us back again. One parent of a now-college-student, who has been with us since his VBS days, told us that we were a part of the amazing man he has become, and thanked us for all we contributed to his character as he was growing up...Seriously?!?! It was clear that we are still wanted there, and this is still a challenging and rewarding ministry for both our group and the town. Oh, and we did it all without wifi!





MARIMBA CORNER

CALLING MARIMBA ENTHUSIASTS!

Our adult group, **Jubilation! Marimba Ensemble**, is starting another year and we are welcoming new members. We encourage anyone who is interested to try out the group for a rehearsal on **Sunday, Aug. 21st** from noon until 1 p.m. We will introduce you to the basics of marimba! Just come and try it out – then you can decide if you want to commit to the year. Our regular rehearsals are on Saturday mornings from 10-11 a.m. These will start in September.

Our **Rejoice! Marimba Ensemble** is also gearing up for another year of performing. We took the summer off, but are planning a mini-camp to jump-start the year:



Sunday, Aug. 21st — Wednesday, Aug. 24th
7-8 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Students from 5th grade – High School (no experience necessary)

We will run through previous literature and add new pieces for the year. Anyone is welcome to try the camp before deciding to make a commitment for the school year.

TADPOLE MARIMBA AND DRUM CAMP

Monday, Aug. 22nd — Wednesday, Aug. 24th
9-10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Students from 1st grade – 4th grade

This camp will focus on the exploration of sound! We will sing, chant, play drums and learn the basics of marimba. This is going to be fun! Oh, and bring a friend!

Please sign-up through the church office with Vicki Smallwood at (503) 246-5459 or info@multpreschurch.org.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

We hope you are enjoying your summer! As we write this we are all preparing our ways to stay cool for the next week!!

With the direction of Presbyterian Women up in the air, Kathleen would like to have a get together at her home in August to discuss the purpose and future of PW. We invite anyone interested in participating in this discussion to attend or send Kathleen or Joyce input. As soon as the date is set, an email will be sent to the PW member list and the MPC office. All comments are welcome! Remember ALL women at MPC can offer suggestions.

Enjoy August!

Kathleen Loomis – krloomis@gmail.com

Joyce Bradshaw – jab88k@hotmail.com



DOVE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

The incoming classes for Dove have been getting together twice a month during the summer at local parks. The kids play while the parents get to know each other, and it gives everyone the opportunity to meet the teachers so we're not strangers when school begins in the fall.

The 2022-23 school year will begin on September 12 & 13. At the time of this writing, I don't know what things will look like regarding Covid, but Dove's Health & Safety policy will be updated and we will determine our plan of action as the time gets closer. What I do know is that Dove will once again offer a fabulous learning experience for the kids, and we're excited for the journey to begin.

The Pre I class (3-year-olds) has some space available, so if you know anyone looking for a preschool (child must be 3 by Sept 1, 2022), have them contact Dove at dovechristianpreschool@gmail.com, or check out our website at www.dovepreschool.com.



PRAYER

You're invited to call or email the church with any prayer requests (joys, concerns, and updates) you have, and they will be forwarded on to the Prayer Team who is continuing to meet via Zoom each Tuesday evening.

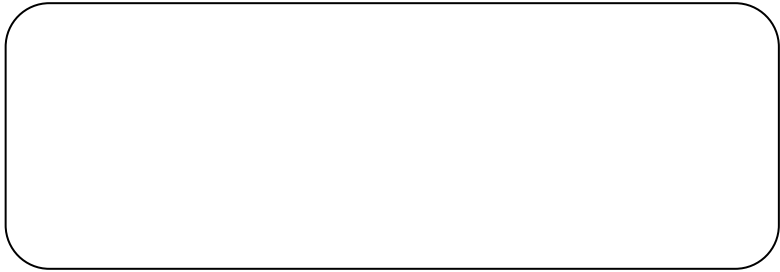
MINISTERING TO EACH OTHER

Our church family includes several "homebound" individuals—those who now have temporary or permanent limitations reducing their involvement in the church. When our homebound congregants are unable to come to church, we can take the church to them through prayers, visits, rides to church, and letters. Please inform the deacons as you become aware of someone who is homebound.



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OUR MISSION STATEMENT:
LOVED BY CHRIST, WE LOVE. SERVED BY CHRIST, WE SERVE.
INVITED BY CHRIST, WE GO, INVITING OTHERS TO HIM.

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