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FROM THE PASTOR

Dear MPC Family,

I want to express my deepest thanks for all of the kind words and encouragement I've received over the past couple of weeks. I am grateful for your grace and kindness in this season of transition. The weeks and months ahead of us will certainly be challenging, but as always, we move forward in the strength, power, and wisdom of our Lord Jesus. By the time you read this, it will have been a couple of weeks since the announcement of my departure from MPC, and you might be wondering: "What happens now?"

Over the summer, you will receive updates from our Session regarding the steps MPC will take to facilitate a transition in pastoral leadership. Many of you have reached out to see how you can help, and we're so deeply thankful for that. Truly, what we most desire is your prayers. I want to put before you the names of MPC elders, and I want to encourage you to pray for these individuals as they lead our congregation.

Class of 2022: Kate England, Kelly Kindrick, Lisa Shelley

Class of 2023: Julie Meyer, Dennis Zerba, Roy Magnusson

Class of 2024: Robyn Biehler, Karen Black, Michael Anderson

May the peace of Christ be yours,

Pastor Danny Peters

Sundays at MPC

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

Worship Opportunities

July 3rd

Elders Leading Worship

TEXTS: ISAIAH 40:28-31

ROMANS 5:1-8

July 10th

Communion

SERMON: "FROM SAMARIA
TO THE WILDERNESS"

TEXT: ACTS 8:26-40

July 17th

SERMON: "WHY PARABLES?"

TEXT: MATTHEW 13:10-17

July 24th

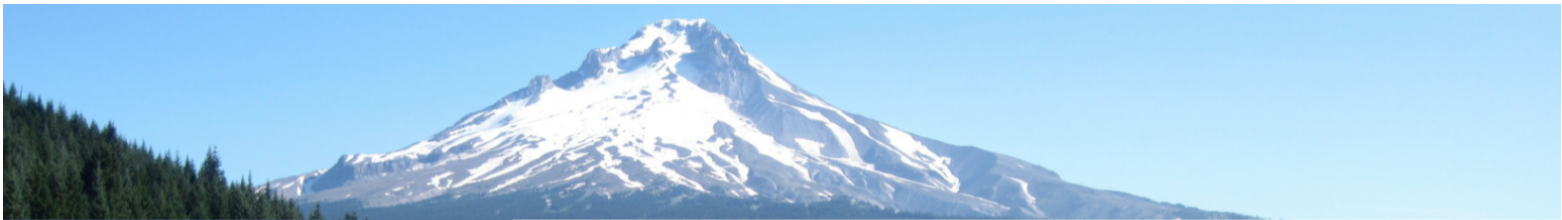
SERMON: "THE PARABLE OF
THE FRIEND AT MIDNIGHT"

TEXT: LUKE 11:5-13

July 31st

SERMON: "THE SHEEP & THE COIN"

TEXT: LUKE 15:1-10



Upcoming Events

Alaska Mission Trip
July 1 - 10

HomePDX Lunch Service
Sunday, July 10

Ice Cream Social
Sunday, July 31

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

MPC Summer Picnic
Sunday, August 28



DEACON NEWS FOR YOU

This month's "Meet Your Deacon" spotlights **Allen Pinero**, who is in his fourth year as a co-Deacon with his wife Mary.

Allen was born in Los Angeles residing in the San Fernando Valley for his final 15 years. He moved to Portland in 1992 and currently resides in the Summerfield development in Tigard, Oregon. He has been happily married to Mary since 1985 (37 years). They do not have any children.

Allen's chosen career was working as a computer programmer for 46 years. Mary & Allen have been attending MPC for 7 years now. One of Allen's passions has been to learn magic. He is currently a professional close-up card magician.

When asked about vacations and traveling, Allen mentioned his best vacation was the three weeks he spent in France and Italy with Mary. When asked about things on his bucket list, Allen said emphatically "Retirement." At the top of his current list is to have an apple pie shake at Denny's.

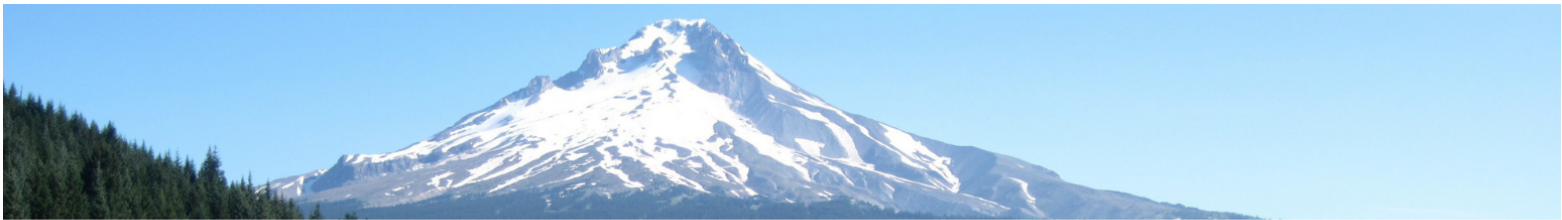
When asked about something he has done in his life that he is proud of or makes him happy, he replied, "Getting a master's degree in theoretical mathematics and being married for 37 years."

PRAYER

You're invited to call or email the church with any prayer requests 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

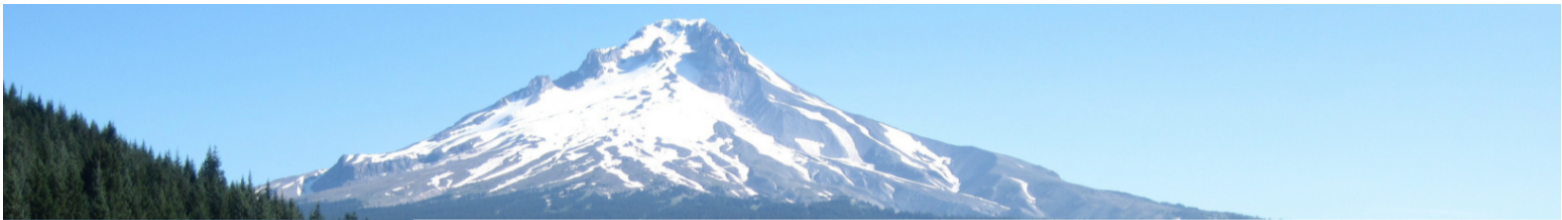
Our church family includes several "homebound" individuals—those who now have temporary or permanent limitations reducing their involvement in the church. When our homebound congregants are unable to come to church, we can take the church to them through prayers, visits, rides to church, and letters.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



DEACON NEWS (continued)

We have many people in our church who have entered the retirement stage of life, have time off work in the summer, or just don't know what to do with all their spare time. Volunteering is a great way to make a concrete, positive difference in our hectic world. Here are some of our favorite volunteering ideas to consider:

- **American Red Cross** – Blood donations can help save lives, as every 2 seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Currently, there is an urgent need for platelet donations which help people battling cancer. The platelet donation process can last up to 3 hours, but includes a TV monitor, headphones, and every streaming service available. Plus, the Oreos! <https://RedCross.org>
- **CASA/GAL volunteers** – Court Appointed Special Advocate® (CASA) and guardian ad litem (GAL) volunteers advocate on behalf of children who have experienced abuse or neglect. Their best-interest advocacy helps ensure that children are safe, have a permanent home and have the opportunity to thrive. CASA/GAL volunteers are regular people, from all walks of life, who have been rigorously screened and trained extensively by their local program. <https://oregoncasanetwork.org/get-involved>
- **Meals on Wheels** – it is not only preparing or delivering meals; volunteers are also needed for friendly wellness chats, which can be done via phone. Find information for our local Meals on Wheels at <https://www.mowp.org/volunteer/>
- **Blanchet House** serves anyone who comes to their doors without judgment. Founded by U. of Portland alumna, they believe everyone deserves food, clothes, community, and hope. For all volunteer opportunities, please visit <https://blanchethouse.org/>
- **Providence Center for Medically Fragile Children** - When a child has profound disabilities and requires complex medical care, families can feel overwhelmed, despite their unwavering love. Volunteers and staff at the Center for Medically Fragile Children at Providence Child Center provide an extension of that family. We give children opportunities to play, cuddle, laugh and learn. It is a profound experience for our volunteers and a labor of love for all of us. Volunteer opportunities include working directly with a specific child; assisting with field trips, recreational programs and water activities, special events and parties, as well as helping the children get on and off their school buses. <https://www.providence.org/locations/or/providence-child-center/volunteering>
- **Faithful Friends** – They match volunteer individuals, couples, or families as mentors to kids ages 6 through 9. The mentor/mentee matches meet 3-4 times each month and commit to at least 1 year. The next mentor information session is July 14 via Zoom. Kids are awaiting mentors in our neighborhood! <https://faithfulfriendspdx.org/get-involved>
- **Good Neighbor House/Center (Tigard)** - Serves families with children experiencing homelessness, and housing insecurity, by providing safe, emergency shelter with supportive, empowering services as a pathway to housing stability. Watch their video at: <https://www.facebook.com/GoodNeighborHouse/videos/351244080066694/>



Blessings From Within Our Church

Hugo Medina and Nathaly Peña welcomed their second son at the end of May, Hugo Jeziel Medina Peña. Grandmother Olga and Aunt Denisse were there for the event and Grandfather Carlos and Aunt Susan will be there soon to celebrate.

Jessie and Karen Black are 99% moved back into their house after major damage repair from fallen tree.

Mary and Allen Pinero's mentee received a school award for best technical helper. They praise God that he is finding a successful foothold in school.

The Pinero's nephew had successful prostate cancer surgery – no follow-up treatment is needed.

If you would like to share your blessings, please send them to Janet Lowrey, Dave Tomastik, or your own Deacon.

DEACON NEWS (continued)

- **HomePDX** - Hot meals on the waterfront as well as sack lunches for those living on the street. <https://www.homepdx.net>
- **Feed the Hungry (Just Serve Oregon)** - A hot meal is served every Sunday for anyone who shows up. Volunteers for cooking, serving, and general set-up and clean-up are needed. <https://www.justserve.org/projects/3e9b7f36-d560-44e0-838a-d5d60f1812d9>
- **Visiting elders** at assisted living facilities. Check locally.
- **Walking dogs** or other opportunities at your local veterinary or animal shelter.
- **Foster pet parents** are always needed. Check locally.
- **Food donations** will continue to be collected all summer at MPC and taken to Neighborhood House.

And finally, we want to invite you to join us after service July 31st for an ice cream social hosted by the deacons.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

F&A Committee met on June 21, 2022 to review the financial reports and discuss a number of agenda items as outlined below. Budget performance for the first five months of 2022 is positive as outlined here:

	Last Month	Year to Date
Income	\$ 32,556	\$ 159,494
Expenses	<u>\$ 30,936</u>	<u>\$ 149,882</u>
Net	\$ 1,620	\$ 9,612

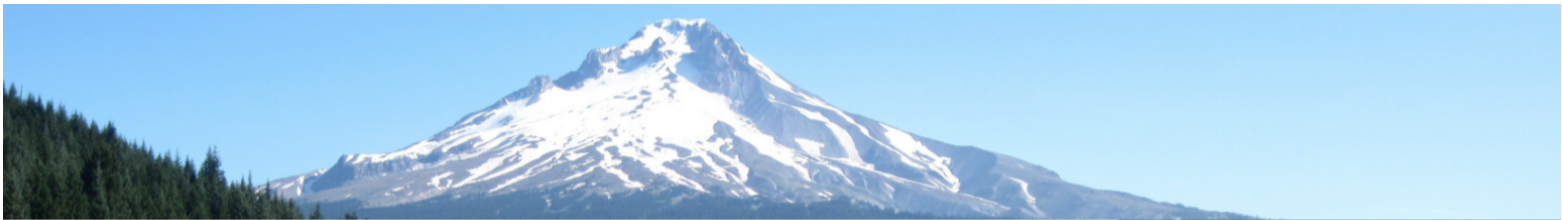
New Business included beginning the discussion on funding recruitment and transition costs for the pastor search that will be required to replace Danny Peters.

We also discussed a few items from Building and Grounds that will impact the designated fund for that purpose. Details will be in that report.

There is an old proverb that "after the rain comes fair weather". This has certainly been a soggy spring but this week's sunshine is reason for hope eternal.

May God bless and keep you,

Your Finance and Administration Committee



MISSIONS MINISTRY

SERVING LUNCH

On Sunday July 10th we once more have an opportunity to engage with those in need around us by partnering with HOMEpdx to serve a hot lunch to the unhoused community. We are asking for volunteers to help in any or all of the following ways:

- drop off pre-made desserts Sunday morning
- help with preparing the meal in the kitchen at MPC before and after the church service
- serve the meal at the East Bank Esplanade from 12:30 to 2:00pm



We did this once before in January and it was an appreciated meal and a wonderful experience for our volunteer team. You can find more information and the sign-up using the QRC to the left or at this link: <https://forms.gle/DxdZJQVcufW3bDTf6>. Last minute help will also be welcome! Please contact the church office or Lisa Shelley (xashesxashesx@gmail.com) with any questions.

FRIENDS OF PEB

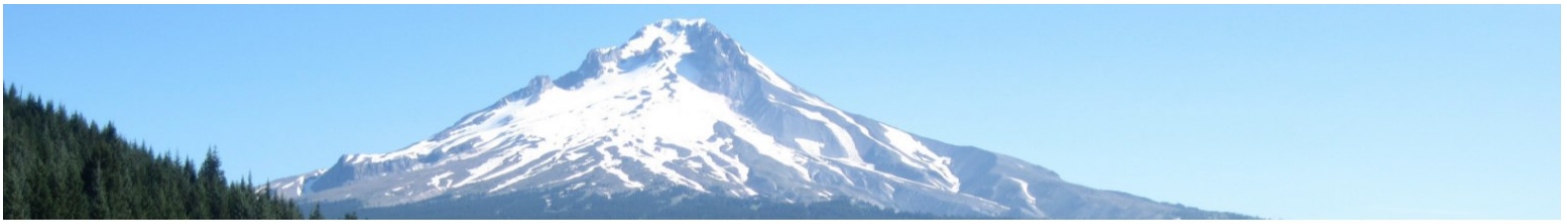
In June, the Mission Committee welcomed two visitors from PEB, the Presbyterian Education Board of Pakistan, to educate us about their ministry. PCUSA owns more than two dozen schools in Pakistan in the Punjab region that provide an alternative to the government-run and Muslim schools. These schools are extremely well-respected in the area and provide education opportunities for girls as well as allowing Christian and Muslim students to study side-by-side. Pakistan is less than 3% Christian, but these schools are having a big influence, as well as providing an environment where extremist Islam and the Taliban cannot spread. The Mission Committee approved a donation of \$1000 to this ministry and hope to be involved further in the future. Please visit their website to learn more: <https://www.friendsofpeb.org/>

GRAUER BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROJECT

The Mission Committee also approved a donation to the Grauer Back-To-School Project, which provides low-income families with necessary school supplies for the new academic year. The distribution date is **August 13** from 8am-11am and the project is also looking for volunteers to help with that. More information is on their website: <https://www.grauerbacktoschool.com/>

July Birthdays

- 10 Judah Haynes
- 11 Denise Gannett
Doug Gannett
- 12 Janet Jones
Stuart Jones
- 13 Russel Haynes
- 15 Libby Agosti
- 16 Mikel Donner
Randy McCourt
- 17 Micah Haynes
- 19 Silas Haynes
Emily Nackley
- 21 Claudia Zerba
- 26 Maddy Tomastik
Spencer Magnusson
- 28 Judi Graeper
- 29 Kathleen Loomis



ALASKA MISSION TEAM



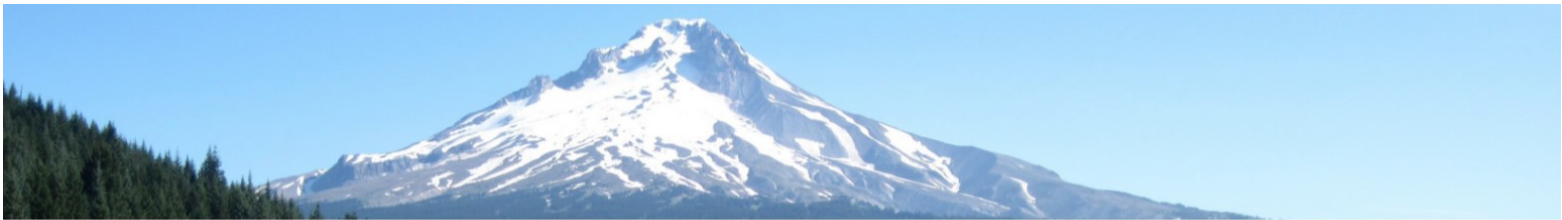
We are so excited to be launching another team to Skagway this summer, a full team this year of high school students and leaders. We will be traveling and serving from July 1st through the 10th, provided all goes according to plan - and we pray that it does.

Please pray for health for our team; we are particularly concerned about Covid and don't want anyone to come down with anything during the trip. Please, pray for us that we would all stay healthy (physically, mentally, and spiritually); that travel for all goes smoothly; and that everyone remains safe throughout our trip. Pray for our students and the students we will connect with in Skagway, that this will be a meaningful experience where they are able to see Jesus at work in them and through them. We are praying that this will be a time of great joy and encouragement for all involved especially after the stresses of the last two years.

Those participating are:

Adrienne, Cooper, Elijah, Joe, Judah, Kouroush, Micah, Thomas
Heather, Joe, Sam, Sophie, Spencer, Tabitha & Edison

We thank you for all your support, and we will see you when we get back!



CHURCH OUTSIDE THE SANCTUARY

We had a ton of fun last month at the Beaverton Food Cart Pod, followed by some axe-throwing at Celtic Axe. And we'd love to plan more activities and events like these that we can do together as an MPC family.

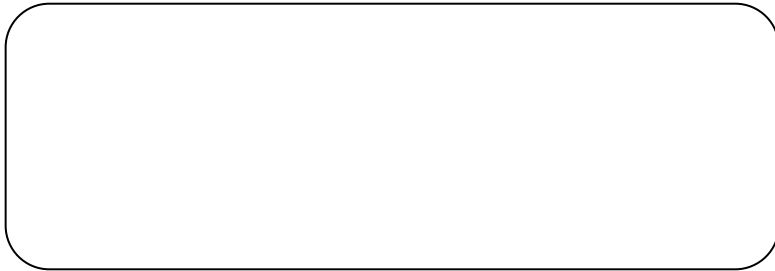
Have any favorite hikes or paddling spots you would like to invite us to experience with you? Heather can help you organize! We just need some basic info about the activity, like the level of exercise to be expected, or any gear or apparel recommendations, and we can help plan, publicize the event, and give people an opportunity to RSVP or just join day of. These events can help us reconnect and are a great opportunity to invite friends to get to know our MPC community outside of the church.





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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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