

THE MULTNOMAH ANNOUNCER

Official Newsletter of Multnomah Presbyterian Church

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PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

Multnomah Presbyterian Church is currently in need of a full-time pastor. We are forming a representational committee that will be charged with the mission of finding our next pastor. This committee will work with a liaison from Presbytery for guidance with the process and once these steps are determined, they will be communicated out.

Currently we have pulpit supply set up through the first week of November and the theme for worship in October is **"Many Voices, One Song,"** so we encourage you to join us over these next few weeks.

October 2nd - Jennifer Ackerman

Jennifer is on staff at Fuller Seminary and, as an ordained Presbyterian pastor, she will do the sacrament of communion with us

October 9th - Heather Hellman

our Youth and Children's Director

October 16th - Scott Peterson

Associate Pastor at Columbia Presbyterian & former Alaska Mission Team leader when Cooper Mt Presb's youth group merged with MPC

October 23rd - Matt Heisler

returning to our pulpit from Lake Grove Presbyterian

October 30th - Curtis Holm

former MPC Youth Pastor, and currently serving at Faithful Friends

November 6th - Bob Stebe

retired pastor from Hillsboro Presbyterian Church

Sundays at MPC

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

Worship Opportunities

Our sermon series for the month,
Many Voices, One Song
will feature a different preacher
each week

Sunday, October 2nd **Communion**

JENNIFER ACKERMAN

Sunday, October 9th HEATHER HELLMAN

Sunday, October 16th SCOTT PETERSON

Sunday, October 23rd MATT HEISLER

Sunday, October 30th CURTIS HOLM



Upcoming Events

HOMEpdx Lunch Service
Sunday, October 9

Congregational Meeting
Sunday, October 16

Trunks of Treats
Sunday, October 30



MISSIONS MINISTRY

LUNCH FOR THE UNSHELTERED COMMUNITY

The Mission Committee is going to be hosting another lunch for Portland's unsheltered community in partnership with HOMEpdx on **Sunday, October 9th**. We need volunteers to come the day before at 11am to do some cooking, we need volunteers Sunday morning before and after the church service to help prep and pack the meal, and we need volunteers to serve with us at the East Bank Esplanade.

HOMEpdx does a lunch like this every Sunday and has a regular group of very grateful, very hungry people who come to eat. Serving begins at 1PM and we are usually packed up and ready to leave by 2PM at the latest. We serve in a covered area right off the parking lot. Some volunteers will fill plates, some will pass them around or offer drinks or desserts. This has been a wonderful experience in the past and we encourage everyone to consider participating.

You can sign up with the QR Code on the left, or you can contact the church office. And if you have any questions, please contact Lisa Shelley at xashesxashesx@gmail.com.

PAMOJA HOUSE

MPC has been supporting Ruth Carpenter for several years now so that she could serve full time at Pamoja House. She will be leaving Pamoja House later this year, and is coming on **Sunday, October 9th** to thank our congregation during the service and to update us on this wonderful ministry to immigrants here in Portland.

COLD WEATHER PREP

During the month of November, the Mission Committee is going to be collecting cold weather items to distribute to the homeless in December. We will be holding a kit assembly on **December 4th**, after the church service. Keep your eyes open for good deals on hats, gloves, hand warmers, etc. HOMEpdx and other organizations serving the unsheltered in our community are in need of sleeping bags. Please contact Lisa Shelley at xashesxashesx@gmail.com if you have a used sleeping bag you are interested in donating. Large sleeping bags for adult men, that are waterproof and suitable for winter weather are ideal.



SESSION UPDATE

At their last meeting, Session:

- Removed Karen Altman from membership at her request, with regret.
- Authorized, via email vote on Aug. 31, a \$500 donation to St. Andrews Presbyterian Church from Designated Fund #331 Discretionary Mission following their break-in and vandalism
- Decided to continue to meet via zoom
- Authorized Heather Hellman to be head of staff until the temporary pastor begins work at MPC.
- Authorized an increase in staff pay as follows: 10% increase for Heather and Ray, and up to 40 hours per week for Vicki if needed (normally she works 28), all beginning Sept. 12 and continuing until the end of the month in which the temporary pastor begins, with a minimum of two weeks after the pastor's start date.
- Approved to offer two services on Christmas Eve (4 pm and 7:30 pm) and a pre-recorded service on Christmas Day.
- Approved November 20, 2022 to be Pledge Sunday, with a Stewardship letter being mailed to the congregation in October.
- Approved the position description for the temporary pastor who will be asked to be an interim pastor for 6 – 12 months, with the understanding there will not be a mission study at the church.
- Approved Adrienne Gassaway for baptism and MPC active membership by profession of faith, to be held on Oct. 2, 2022 during the worship service with Heather Hellman and Jennifer Ackerman presiding.
- Approved the following slate of nominees for the PNC to be presented to the congregation for election: Jesse Black, John England, Dick Eyberg, Adrienne Gassaway, Valentine Hellman, Lisa Shelley, Courtney Tomastik, Nancy Unrath.
- Called for a...

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting will be held **October 16**, following the worship service, with announcements being made during the service on Oct. 2, 9 and 16, for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee to search for a full-time, called and installed pastor.

Musical Opportunities

Worship Praise Team

Sundays

9:15 - 10:00am

MPC Ukeleles

Wednesdays

6:30 - 7:00pm

Chancel Choir

Wednesdays

7:00 - 8:15pm

Jubilation!

Marimba Ensemble

Saturdays

10:00 - 11:00am

Rejoice! Marimba Ensemble (Youth, grades 5 - 12)

Saturdays

11:15am - Noon



MPC ANNUAL PICNIC

What a wonderful day at MPC. The weather was perfect, the music amazing, and the food and fellowship were the best!!

Thanks to all who helped make this happen.



FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

F&A Committee met on September 20th, 2022 to review our latest financial reports and begin the budget process for 2023. Budget performances for the month of August and the first eight months of 2022 are outlined below. Heather Hellman sat in representing the staff and will do so for now until we have a permanent pastor.

	Last Month	Year to Date
Income	\$ 32,786	\$ 247,515
Expenses	<u>\$ 29,807</u>	<u>\$ 237,871</u>
Net	\$ 2,979	\$ 9,643

We ended the month with an account balance of \$299,338. Overall, we have a balanced budget for the year.

We have begun the budget process with spreadsheets going out to the elders for initial requests. F&A is compiling a list of items that will need discussion and decision. Worksheets will be gathered and reviewed in October. We will share the preliminary plan with the congregation in November and finalize it in January 2023 at Session. We will be including estimates of the cost of recruitment of our new pastor.

We will be meeting in October to continue the process of 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



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

On Labor Day, the church received both some much-needed maintenance and much-appreciated sprucing up with the cleaning of its many, many windows. Many thanks to John Prutsman for getting us connected with Bright Outlook Window Cleaning. This is a father and daughter company (Joel & Elizabeth Daniels), and for this project they had two additional helpers (Brian and Candelario). They do excellent work and are very professional and well organized in how they go about the job.

We ran into a bit of good luck with scheduling. Normally this company doesn't work on holidays, but it just so happened that they were all available for Labor Day and wanted to do it, which was great for us since there wasn't anybody around the church. Additionally, they originally thought it would take all day Monday and part of Tuesday to tackle everything, but by adding the fourth person they were able to start at 9am and were finished by 2pm.

This project cost the church \$900 but I felt it was worth every bit of it. When you look at the pictures and see some of the ladder work and the tools they use, you realize why sometimes it's best to let a contractor do the work. So, whether nature gives us sun or rain this fall, we can certainly appreciate our clear view!





October Birthdays

- 2 Kristen Young
- 3 José Carlos Peña
Ryan Soumokil
- 4 Christie Sargent
- 6 Ann Lemon
Madison Megarry
Linda Miillé
- 7 Kathy McCourt
- 12 Karen Beers
Tim Colenso
- 15 Pat Bell
- 18 Chester Hill
- 19 Sue Williams
- 22 Emily Megarry
Callie Wheeler
- 23 Lisa Bode
- 24 Wyatt McKenzie
- 27 Shari Erickson
- 28 Dennis Erickson
- 31 Jack Bertell
Dick Eyberg

DEACON NEWS FOR YOU

MEET YOUR DEACON

This month's spotlight is on **Christie Sargent**, who is in her second year as a Deacon.

In her own words -

Autumn days seem to always fill me with a kind of wistfulness and/or nostalgia, so it is a good time for me to share with you a little about myself. I grew up in Billings, Montana with an older brother and much younger sister. My dad was the first surgeon in Montana and my mother was a very accomplished pianist. But most importantly they were committed Christians. My mother was the church pianist, so we sat on the front row every Sunday. Even with my brother pinching me, we didn't make a peep because we knew the service was a live radio broadcast! When I was eight years old my Sunday School teacher led me to give my heart to Jesus.

High school found me at a Christian boarding school in Florida. Although I was extremely homesick, I think it may have initiated my love of travel. I attended college in Indiana, Michigan and Massachusetts. Moving to Oregon as a new bride began my "real" adult life. I briefly taught speech and drama at George Fox University. When my son and daughter were 5 and 7 years old, I went through the heartache of divorce. Up until then I was a stay-at-home mom. Needing to support myself and my children, I got my Oregon teaching license and taught 6th grade for North Clackamas School District until 2003.

Throughout those years I changed churches several times because of my children. Being a single parent and wearing a lot of hats, I wanted my children to be involved in church activities and youth programs so that they could be with other adults and kids their age that made faith and trust in the Lord a priority.

A few years ago, one of my dearest friends, Libby, invited me to come to Laurel Neal's Tuesday morning Bible study. That was such a blessing to me that I just kept getting more and more involved at MPC. Everyone has been so welcoming and kind! Thank you!

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DEACON NEWS FOR YOU (continued)

Since my retirement I've been able to enjoy trips to so many countries on every continent except Antarctica! But wherever life's journey has taken me, the goodness and faithfulness of God has anchored me each and every day.

PARTING THOUGHT

The start of school. Football. Chili & cornbread. Sweaters. Fall is usually a time of familiarity and comfort. While it may not seem like it at the moment, MPC is back to some familiar routines as well. Choir, marimbas, youth group, and Sunday School are all resuming. We continue to collect food in the Fellowship Hall for Neighborhood House. Your deacons are still here for your needs, whether spiritually or practically.

1 Peter 5:7 - "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."

Hebrews 6:10 - "God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them."



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.

Blessings From Within Our Church

Praises for our successful picnic! We had great weather, music, food, and lots of people coming together to make it a great day. Thank you to all the volunteers who made it so enjoyable.

MPC is blessed to have Heather and Ray to help lead us through the process of getting a new pastor. We really appreciate them.

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



YOUTH

YOUTH GROUP TIMES

High School

Wednesdays 7-8:30pm

Middle School

Sundays 7-8:30pm

Elementary School

Monday, October 17th 6-7:30pm

we will meet at the open door for pizza and fun

SUNDAY SCHOOL IS BACK

Sunday School for Kindergarten through 5th grade is back during the 10:30 worship service. Kids are dismissed to go downstairs where we have a big room Sunday School class. Volunteers will share a story, some activities related to the story and then kids will have time to choose from a variety of games and art projects.

NURSERY CARE

We are working to bring nursery care for children that are too young for Sunday School, back to MPC. We need to hire a nursery care giver and give the nursery room a makeover first, so it will take some time. We appreciate your patience as we work to make the nursery a great place for our MPC families again.



TRUNKS OF TREATS

We need volunteers to decorate their vehicle or simply open up their trunk and hand out goodies for our Halloween celebration on Sunday, October 30th from 12:30 - 2:30pm in the MPC lower parking lot. Mark the date and stay tuned for more details!

DOVE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Dove's preschool year has started out on a very positive note. Kids in both classes have jumped right in, figuring out the routine and making friends. In September we learned about God's promise through Noah and how we can trust in Jesus. October brings us so many fun fall activities, including the fall celebration at the Jones Estate. Thank you for keeping the children & teachers in your prayers. We're so thankful to be back to "almost normal" and are so grateful for all the support we've received from MPC.



QUILTERS



Greetings from the MPC Quilter's Guild. We meet each Monday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the downstairs meeting room and welcome anyone who would like to help sew, iron, or tie the quilts we have been making for CARES NW for many years. CARES NW is a non-profit organization that supports abused children. We would love to have you join us. We only require that you be vaccinated and wear a mask.

The Quilters have taken on a new project with the Veterans Administration. We are making a queen-size quilt in red, white and blue. If you have any pieces of fabric – big or small – in these colors, we would appreciate you bringing it on any Monday for the next few weeks, or you can give it to any of the quilters named here: Caroline Brandt, Priscilla Downing, Darlene Higgenbottom, Kathleen Loomis, Jackie Magnusson, Courtney Tomastik, or Claudia Zerba. Please keep us in mind if you come across any spare yardage in your "cleaning out" projects.

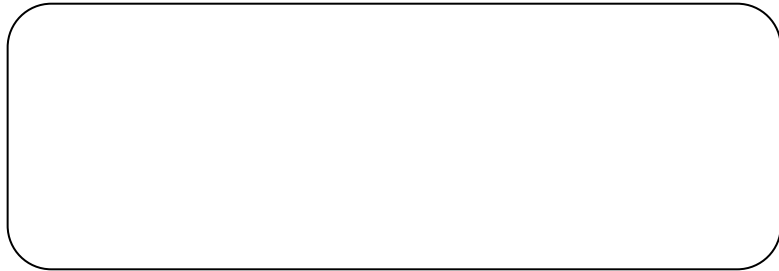
Thanks so much from the Quilters!


















































































































































































































































































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OCTOBER ANNOUNCER	BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER	BLESSINGS FROM OUR CHURCH	BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	CONGREGATIONAL MEETING	DEACON NEWS FOR YOU	DOVE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL	FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	MISSIONS MINISTRY	MPC ANNUAL PICNIC PICS	MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES	PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE	PRAYER	QUILTERS	SESSION UPDATE	UPCOMING EVENTS	WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES	YOUTH
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Congregational Nominating Committee Recommendation Form

Dear Members and Friends of MPC,

Fall is here and that means it's time to nominate those who will serve our church as a Deacon or an Elder beginning in January 2023. Elders and deacons have been vital to the ministry of the church since shortly after its founding. The apostle Paul talks about elders (overseers) in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. Paul talks about deacons in 1 Timothy 3:8-13.

In the Presbyterian Book of Order, deacons are described as "the Ministry of Compassion and Service" and elders are described as "the Ministry of Discernment and Government." Actively serving elders are called "the session". The session works with the pastor to take care of the business of the church. The deacons, in short, take care of the people.

Elders and deacons serve 3-year terms. During the month of October, the Congregational Nominating Committee (CNC) will gather a list of nominees who will serve through the end of 2025. The goal is to present the nominees to the congregation for a vote at a congregational meeting in November. Training for new officers will be provided after the election.

As we discern God's will for MPC through this time of pastoral transition, please prayerfully consider using your time and talents at MPC as an elder or a deacon. Perhaps God is calling you to grow in your faith, or develop new skills? This is an excellent opportunity! Remember Paul's words in Philippians 4:13: **"I can do everything through him who gives me strength."**

If you have questions or would like additional details about these positions, please contact Karen Black (kkayblac@aol.com, 503.977.0409). You can also talk with CNC members Courtney Tomastik, Judi Davis, Jaonna Morgan or Robyn Biehler.

If you are not currently a member of MPC and you feel God is calling you to serve as an elder or deacon, please let me know.

In gratitude for all God has done and will do,

Karen Black, CNC Chair

I would like to volunteer to be an elder. My name is _____

I would like to volunteer to be a deacon. My name is _____

I would like to suggest the following person(s) for consideration to serve as an elder:

I would like to suggest the following person(s) for consideration to serve as a deacon:

*Please return this completed form to Karen Black,
or put in the offering basket in the sanctuary by **Sunday, October 16.***

Thank you!