

THE MULTNOMAH ANNOUNCER

Official Newsletter of Multnomah Presbyterian Church

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PRACTICING JOY

In 2025 we will be very intentional about practicing joy each Sunday. It's easy to forget in the busyness of our lives and with the never-ending news cycle that God is still doing good things, and we can still find joy as we follow Jesus. While joy is always part of our worship through amazing music, singing, preaching, and reading of God's word, we are adding intentional practices to give us a joy boost and make sure we don't forget there is still goodness to be found.

In January we had a loom where you could post things that brought you joy throughout the week, so we could celebrate those things together. We also had postcards you could fill out and mail to thank people that brought you joy, so we could share our joy.



February will bring some new practices that help us reflect on the joy there is to be found and share that joy with others. If you have any ideas for bringing more joy to our worship services, please contact worship elder, Kate England.

Sundays at MPC

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

Worship Opportunities

Sunday, February 2nd

Communion

Here Is Our Healer

John 5:1-18

Sunday, February 9th
Here Is the Bread of Life

John 6:25-40

Sunday, February 16th

Here Is the

Light of the World

John 9:1-41

Sunday, February 23rd

Here Is the Good Shepherd

John 10:11-18



Upcoming Events

Men's Fellowship Breakfasts
Fridays, February 7 & 21

Staff Appreciation
February 16

Beginning of Lent
March 5

Red Cross Blood Drive
March 28



FRIDAY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The Friday Men's Fellowship group meets on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month. We will meet in the Upstairs Fellowship Hall at 8am on **February 7th & 21st** for a light breakfast of beverages, cereals, and pastries, along with a time of general fellowship and discussion. If you have any questions or would like to attend, please feel free to contact Dennis Zerba.

WOMEN'S PICKLEBALL GROUP



Inviting all women who are curious about the pickleball craze to come join the fun— No experience necessary! These sessions are about having fun in a low-stress environment. Come expecting to laugh & make mistakes while getting to know each other a little better.

Sign up at <https://forms.gle/x67sMYSFiayVzjhH8> to attend a Saturday session, and feel free to email Fran Barth for more information.

LOVE OUR STAFF ON VALENTINE'S DAY

Valentine's Day is coming up, and what better way to celebrate than to show appreciation, admiration, and friendship to our wonderful staff at Multnomah Presbyterian Church? On **Sunday, February 16th**, at our worship service we will have Valentine's Baskets out for each staff member that you can use to share your thoughts. Using the Valentines theme, please consider writing a note, saying thank you, and/or sharing times where staff help you in a meaningful way. We will have some card blanks if you forget to bring them with you that day. Please feel free to share your appreciation in any manner you see fit. Our staff includes Pastors **Heather Hellman** and **Jennifer Ackerman**, music directors **Ray and Amy McKean**, and office manager **Vicki Smallwood**.



JOIN THE TEAM

Are you looking for a way to be a part of the MPC community? We have ministry teams that you can be a part of, you don't have to be an elder or even a member to be a part of a ministry team. If you have skills, ideas, interests and abilities to bring to the table we would love to have you. To find out more about our ministry teams and the opportunities we have, talk to Pastor Heather or the Elders that chair each team.

Our ministry teams, and the elder that chairs them are:

- Worship - Kate England
- Missions - Jenifer Aberle
- Personnel - Randy McCourt
- Buildings and Grounds - Clay Morgan
- Finance and Administration - Chris Ulum
- Fellowship and Outreach - Kevin Marshall
- Christian Education - Spencer Magnusson



HELP PRODUCE OUR SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE WITH THE A/V TEAM

There is a team of volunteers that helps our services to run smoothly, both in person and online. These volunteers run our soundboard, our Livestream/recording equipment, and the slides that are shown in our service. We are looking to add more people to this team. You don't have to create the images shown, you just have to run the programs and we are happy to train you. If this is something you are interested in, contact Ray McKean.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

December's financial results were, quite simply, amazing. And so very heartwarming.

	December	2024 Year Totals
 Income	\$ 51,058	\$ 298,038
Expenses	\$ 30,184	\$ 296,441
Net	\$ 20,874	\$ 1,597

We had a positive net income of \$20,874 in December, thanks to the highest giving month MPC has experienced in four years! We are grateful to report that we finished 2024 with a positive net income of \$1,597. Thank you all for your continued support, and thank you for the 2025 pledges received so far!

Sincerely,
 Your MPC F&A Committee
 Chris Ulum (Elder), Darlene Higgenbottom (Treasurer), Tom Base,
 Gayle Clopton, Roy Magnusson, Dennis Zerba



SESSION UPDATE

At the January Session Meeting, the following business was conducted:

- Elected Heather Hellman and Spencer Magnusson as MPC commissioners to the January 29 Presbytery meeting.
- Elected Amy Clements as a Commissioner to the January 25 Special Presbytery Meeting and the January 29 Regular Presbytery meeting, in place of Spencer Magnusson, by unanimous email vote taken 1/22/25 (after the 1/21/25 Session meeting).
- Approved the minutes from December 19, 2023, Regular Session meeting as amended.
- Approved with regret, removing Kaitlin Peters from membership at Danny's request.
- Approved with regret, removing Joyce Bradshaw from membership as of January 21, 2025, at her request.
- Elected Darlene Higgenbottom to serve as Treasurer of MPC for 2025.
- Elected Lisa Shelley to serve as Clerk of Session of MPC for 2025.
- Elected Chris Ulum as President and Lisa Shelley as Secretary of MPC for 2025.
- Elected Kate England and Jenifer Aberle to serve as Session representatives to the 2025 Nominating Committee.
- Approved serving communion at MPC on the first Sunday of each month (specifically, Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, Aug. 3, Sept. 7, Oct. 5, Nov. 2, Dec. 7) as well as Good Friday (Apr. 18).
- Approved the 2025 Counting Procedures Policy.
- Approved the Annual Statistical Report to General Assembly for 2024.
- Approved notifying Presbytery of the Cascades that MPC will pay the per capita apportionment to Presbytery on an installment basis with payment completed by September 30, 2025. The per member amount: \$50.00; total due: \$3,750 based on active membership of 75 members. A pledge of \$1,000 will also be made for Presbyterian Partnership Giving for 2025.
- Approved the 2025 Budget of \$315,000.
- Approved end of year transfers in the amount of \$6,700.



DOVE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

The kids at Dove spent the month of January learning about safety, culminating in a visit to Fire Station 53 in Beaverton for the Pre II kids, and a visit from Station 18 for the Pre I kids. Our Bible verse for the month was, "I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone o Lord, make me dwell in safety" (Psalm 4:8). February will be all things love as we celebrate friends and family, and learn how God loves all of us.



Thank you beyond words to Dennis Zerba, Clay Morgan, and Dick Eyberg for once again stepping up immediately when asked about how to make the parking in the lower lot a little more structured. As many know, the lines have mostly worn off, and it was becoming a little haphazard with parents parking during preschool drop off and pick up. They jumped right to it and prepared and painted some new lines to help make the parking more obvious and safe. So thank you, thank you from the preschool teachers and parents. You guys are amazing!!

Dove is currently accepting registrations for Fall 2025. We had a successful Open House, and now are filling in the rest of the Pre I class (3-year-olds). We have one opening available in the Pre II class. If you have family, friends or neighbors looking for a preschool, please refer them to Dove, www.dovepreschool.com, or contact us at dovechristianpreschool@gmail.com.



YOUTH GROUP TIMES

High School

Wednesdays
7:00-9:00pm

Middle School

Wednesdays
6:30-8:00pm

GOOD NEWS TUES

(Grades 2-5)

Tuesday, February 18th 6:00-7:30pm
Join us for dinner, games, and a lesson about Jesus's great love for us.

ALASKA ADVENTURE TRIP

Our Alaska adventure trip to Skagway to bring a week of camps to kids and teens is happening again at the end of June/beginning of July. Registration forms are available for high school and college youth. Please see Pastor Heather or Spencer Magnusson for requirements and registration information ASAP.



February Birthdays

6 Jessica Kindrick

9 Darlene
Higgenbottom

11 Ellen McKean

12 Fran Barth

13 Sierra Killian

14 Olga Iturralde

15 Janice Mullins

19 Quinn McChesney
Mike Mullins

21 Matthew Eyberg

24 Nancy Unrath
Dean Nackley

25 Gayle Clopton
Stacy Kerwood

DEACON NEWS FOR YOU

Multnomah Presbyterian Church welcomed three new members in January: Eve Cayton, Linda Stabler, and Sarah Butler. They have been added to Deacon districts (if they already weren't part of one), and we'd like to help you get to know them. This month we'll help introduce **Eve Cayton**.

Eve shared she has been a lifelong Presbyterian, attending Lake Grove Presbyterian where her mother was the Christian Education director. After getting married at Southminster Presbyterian, Eve and her husband, Gary, were members of Central Presbyterian (where Gary's grandparents were charter members) and Laurelhurst Presbyterian, eventually ending up at Tualatin Presbyterian. And we are now blessed to have them at Multnomah Presbyterian! Eve & Gary have been married 52 years, and have 1 daughter and 2 granddaughters. They own a glass business, where Eve still works part-time. She enjoys cooking and has a budding interest in baking. If you haven't yet, please take some time to welcome Eve as a new member.



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.



MISSIONS MINISTRY

WILDFIRE RELIEF EFFORTS

The harrowing images of wildfires consuming parts of Los Angeles and Ventura counties have deeply impacted us all, stirring our hearts with sorrow and compassion. More than 40,000 acres have burned, with over 12,300 structures destroyed and tens of thousands of residents have been displaced.

In addition to providing emotional and spiritual care, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) has already released emergency grants to meet the urgent needs of the communities and to provide immediate assistance. Though the final outcomes of these fires are yet to be known, we are clear that the magnitude of the event will require the development of long-term projects and assistance, both for the physical and emotional long-lasting effects. Presbyterians in the region are participating in coordination calls with nonprofit and faith-based disaster organizations to ensure that no one is forgotten.

PDA affirms our commitment to accompany those affected by this disaster. You can find more details about their ongoing response to the wildfires at these links:

- www.pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/fires-rage-out-control-southern-california-affecting-churches-and-presbyteries
- www.pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/leaders-california-share-impact-devastating-wildfires-and-look-disaster-assistance-support
- www.pcusa.org/news-storytelling/news/pastor-whose-church-was-destroyed-palisades-fire-reflects-loss

Donations can be made to PDA by:

- Going to **pcusa.org/CAfires25**
- Calling **(800) 728-7228 ext. 5885**
- Sending a check to: **Presbyterian Church (USA)**
P.O. Box 643700
Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700
(with **PDA-CF25-BI** in the memo)

Blessings From Within Our Church

Praise that the church was in the black financially at year's end!

Praise for new members.

Praise for a successful and fun Pickleball Showdown.

If you would like to share your blessings, please send them to Barb Jones, or your own Deacon.



PRESBYTERIAN DISASTER ASSISTANCE

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Greetings MPC Family - Here's what we've been up to so far this winter:

- Chairs were arranged, then re-arranged for the December Coffee House Concert. Thank you to all who assisted with these tasks. Additionally, the entire sanctuary carpet area was vacuumed prior to assembling the chairs back into rows.
- All air flow & furnace filters were inspected and all filters on the furnace were replaced.
- A roof leak at the Open Door was observed after one of the heavy rain storms, toward the East end of the Basketball Court. An outside inspection was done and a temporary tarp was placed over the area (see photo) by Mike Barth. Interstate Roofing was contacted and a tech was sent out to inspect. The result of that inspection found an area of concern, so Interstate removed a portion of roof tiles and performed repairs under that section. NOTE: Interstate will be covering ALL costs for this removal, inspection, repair & reinstall materials!!! THANK YOU LORD!!
- After B&G has observed restroom lights being left on in the Open Door numerous times, new signs were posted requesting users to prop the restroom doors open upon leaving. All Pickleball Leaders were contacted and informed of this procedural change.
- The B&G committee is now preparing the MPC Door Security Document to be ready for Session Review. We hope to have more details available soon.





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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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