

THE MULTNOMAH ANNOUNCER

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FROM THE PASTOR

It's time for Easter. Here at MPC, we are gearing up for what will be our first in-person Holy Week since the Spring of 2019. What a blessing it will be to proclaim together the reality of resurrection... "Christ is risen! He's risen indeed!"

I once heard a story about Dr. Joseph Hartounian, a former professor at McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. He was of Armenian descent, and found that many in America had difficulties pronouncing his last name. One day, a colleague suggested he change his name to "Harwood" or "Harwell," or something else that was easier to pronounce. Dr. Hartounian replied in this way: "In Armenia, when my grandfather was baptized, they named him Hartounian which means 'Resurrection.' I am Joseph Hartounian and I will be a son of Resurrection all my days."

The resurrection of Jesus is not some abstract theological concept. Rather it is our inheritance. As a result of the cross and the empty tomb, we have received a new identity as children of God. At Easter, we declare God's victory over sin and evil, and we celebrate the good news that nothing can separate us from His love in Jesus. So, no matter who you are, no matter what is unfolding in your life, whatever your sin, whatever brokenness you are dealing with, the resurrection of Jesus is for you. Thanks be to God, you are a child of the Resurrection. So, I hope you will join us this month as we celebrate the goodness and salvation of our God. To Him be the glory, now and forever!

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Danny Peters

Sundays at MPC

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

Worship Opportunities

**Sunday, April 3rd
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Communion**

SERMON: "THE TABLE"
TEXT: PSALM 23:5A

**Sunday, April 10th
Palm Sunday**

SERMON: "ANOINTED"
TEXT: PSALM 23:5B

**Friday, April 15th
Good Friday**

TENEBRAE WORSHIP
7:30PM

**Sunday, April 17th
Easter Sunday**

SERMON: "HOME"
TEXT: PSALM 23:6 &
MATTHEW 28:1-10



HOLY WEEK AT MPC

Our staff and leadership is so excited to come together for Holy Week! We encourage you to join us for worship as we remember the story that saved the world—the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

PALM SUNDAY WORSHIP

April 10th, 10:30AM

EASTER ACTIVITIES FOR ALL

Saturday, April 16th

10:00AM-Noon

All ages can celebrate Easter together with some spring fun.

On Saturday, come with or without flowers to decorate the flower crosses for Easter Sunday worship, and while you're here you can hang out with some baby goats, make some Easter art projects, and, if you're a kid, participate in an Easter Egg Hunt.

Portland Goat Parties will be here from 10am-11am with a few tiny goat friends you can snuggle, and the Easter Egg hunting will begin at 11:15. This event will happen rain or shine on the lawn with the tent. We welcome all cut flowers and greenery for the Easter flower crosses.

BLAST FROM THE PAST

In combing through the archives, Dennis Zerba happened upon this photo. 15 years ago, this team trekked down to Mississippi to help out during the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. See anyone you recognize?





YOUTH

YOUTH MISSION AUCTION

Sunday May 1st we will be holding our youth mission auction to benefit our return to Skagway Alaska this summer. We are so excited to be taking a full team back for what we hope is a full week of ministry in Skagway to kids and teens. The city of Skagway has welcomed us for over a decade, making our programming part of it's summer schedule and this fundraiser is how we make that possible. We hope you can partner with us in this ministry through donations to the auction or purchases at our live and silent auction. We are looking for donations of everything from art to homegoods, to event tickets, vacation home stays and more. Contact Heather if you have anything you would like to donate. We will be sending out details for the auction soon, and we are working on a special box lunch that won't require buffet style service.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

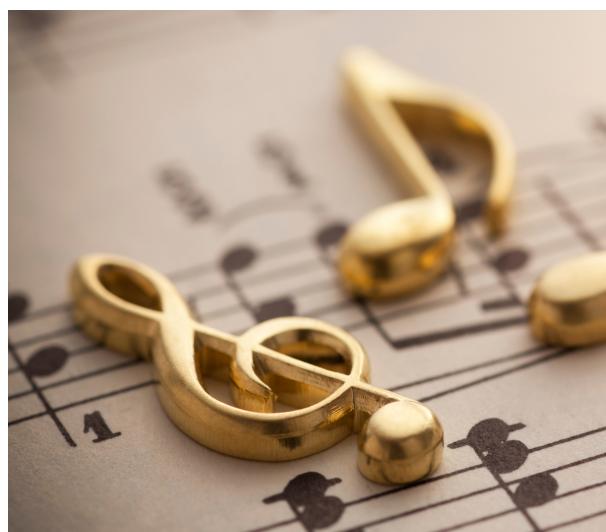
This year VBS is in the afternoon from 3:00-6:00PM June 20-24, we are limiting the number of participants, but we will still need lots of help. We have many youth volunteers already signed up but we need adults to help oversee and lead some of the programming. If you are interested, please contact Heather. A background check will be required for all volunteers over 18.

MUSIC

SPRING COFFEEHOUSE CONCERT Songs of Hope and Love

Mark your calendar! Saturday, May 14th at 7:00PM, MPC's musicians will be presenting a Spring Coffeehouse concert.

We will be raising money for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance's fund for Ukraine. More details to come in May's newsletter and on our website.





Upcoming Events

**American Red Cross
Blood Drive
Friday, April 1st
Noon - 6pm**

**Exploring MPC
New Member Class
Sunday, April 10th
7:00 - 8:30pm on Zoom**

Weekly Activities

**Quilters
Mondays
1:00 - 3:00pm**

**Bible Study
Wednesdays
3:30 - 5:00pm**

**Marimba Ensembles
Saturdays**

**Jubilation! (Adults) Rejoice! (Youth)
10:00 - 11:00am 11:15am - 12:15pm**



BUILDINGS & GROUNDS UPDATE

Things remain quiet around the church and Open Door from the maintenance perspective. Ongoing minor repairs and maintenance of the landscaping including changing straw in "The Barn" continues with help from several volunteers.



AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEM

The AV system wiring diagrams and point-to-point audio connection spreadsheet have been completed. Documentation has been assembled in a notebook and placed electronically on the AV Computer. This should complete project installation and documentation. Remaining task is to train new people on how to use the livestreaming system. We are always looking for new people to help with the live streaming so if you may have an interest in volunteering to help, please contact Ray McKean.

SPRING WORK DAY

A workday has tentatively been scheduled for Saturday April 30th from 9 to Noon. Focus will be on outdoor activities and lunch will be downstairs to avoid the work being done to setup for the auction.

OTHER ITEMS

Annual maintenance on the riding mower was completed along with some significant repairs to the mower deck equipment. Also, the annual testing on the water system backflow preventer devices has been completed.



FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

F&A Committee met on March 15th, 2022 to review the financial reports and discuss a number of agenda items as outlined below. Budget performance for the first two months of 2022 is positive as outlined below.

	This Month	Year to Date
Income	\$ 29,767	\$ 62,994
Expenses	<u>\$ 29,045</u>	<u>\$ 55,878</u>
Net	\$ 721	\$ 7,115



Our committee recommended the closing of an independent account held by the Presbyterian Women and folding it into a designated budget within MPC. The funds will be used to support Presbyterian Women projects and priorities.

Finally, we discussed minor edits and the renewal of our Financial Policy and Procedure documents. These will be going to Session for review and approval on March 29th.

We are off to a great start in 2022 and look forward to re-starting a number of programs as Spring arrives and pandemics fade.

May God Bless and remember that our hope is in Christ,

-Your Finance and Administration Committee

"And my God
will supply
every need
of yours
according to
his riches
in glory
in Christ Jesus."

PHILIPPIANS 4:19 ESV





April Birthdays

- 1 Jennifer Gassaway
- John Prutsman
- 3 Robyn Biehler
- 4 Ray McKean
- 6 Thomas Base
- 7 Bob Ballenger
- 13 Barb Jones
- Lil Dorman
- 16 April Bell
- 17 Gina Hermanson
- 18 Caroline Brandt
- 19 Jessica Andrews
- 20 Hazel Kindrick
- Jordan Metz
- 22 Julie Bettis
- 24 Derek Gannett
- 25 Karen Altman
- Steven Goodfellow
- 27 Evelyn Prutsman
- 28 Allen Pinero
- 29 Tom Jones
- Lois Oberdorf

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.

Please keep those who
can't make it to church
each Sunday in your prayers:

Maxine Shuler



Family Circus



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

How much longer until we goeth back to PW? Presbyterian Women are looking forward to possibly resuming meetings and even Bunco again as Covid restrictions are lifted. Kathleen will be calling a planning get-together to see the direction PW should take in the future. A notice of time and place

for this meeting will go out via email from the PW email list. If you want to be involved and do not get the email, please contact Kathleen at krloomis@gmail.com or Joyce Bradshaw at jab88k@hotmail.com and we will be sure and include you.

Delight in Spring as we look forward to Easter Sunday, reminding us of the saving Promise of Our Risen Lord.

He is Risen! He is Risen, Indeed!



DEACON NEWS FOR YOU

In the past, we have held a "Meet Your Deacon" event after worship service. Due to COVID, we are not able to do that (again) this year. Instead, we thought you could get to know your Deacons through an article each month in the Announcer. This month we spotlight Jan Hawthorne, who has been a deacon for three years.

Jan was born and raised in Portland, but did live in Minneapolis for a year and South Dakota for two years in her youth. As an adult, she lived in Seattle for a few years, but returned to Portland 20 years ago, now calling it home.

Jan is divorced and has a grown son who lives in West Linn, a granddaughter who is 20 and a sister who also resides in Portland.

Jan taught school in her early career, then returned to get her Masters degree. She was a social worker for a number of years, then was trained as an addiction counselor, which was her occupation when she retired.

Jan has been attending MPC for 10 years.

When asked about travelling, Jan replied that she has visited Europe and particularly enjoyed Iceland. She used to hike with Portland Parks and enjoys the wilderness, but eventually back pain required her to give that up. She still enjoys swimming and folk dancing, and has missed those activities during the pandemic.

She enjoys being an usher on Sunday mornings. Please greet Jan the next time you see her!

Parting thought: Our congregation has suffered many personal losses this past year. As Good Friday approaches, we know that Holy Week can be an extremely emotional time as we remember Mary's and Joseph's loss of their earthly son Jesus. We offer healing prayers that come Easter morning, each of us is able to celebrate the resurrection and find deep joy in the waiting for heavenly reunions.

Blessings From Within Our Church

Lukas Aberle was accepted to graduate school at Portland State University where he will also be a teacher's assistant.

Ellen McKean, currently at Lewis & Clark Law School, was selected for a summer internship with U.S. Representative Suzanne Bonamici. Ellen will spend some of this time in Washington D.C.

Jordan Metz and partner closed on their first home in Auburn, WA.

Robyn Biehler shared that thanks to the Lord's plan and timing, her niece will be playing volleyball this fall for Cal Poly Pomona and majoring in biology.

Chris Ulum was thrilled that his wife Missy could spend last month with him in Tennessee.

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



DOVE CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL

Dove Christian Preschool spent the month of March learning about one of many of God's gifts to us: our five senses. Through craft projects and a smelling science project, the kids learned how all of their senses help them every day. Dove was closed for Spring break mid month. The month of April we will learn about the death and resurrection of Jesus. We will also invite the Dads for some donuts, and do some more fun spring projects.

Our Pre II class (4-year-olds) for Fall 2022 is full, and we do have openings in the Pre I class (3-year-olds). If you know of any friends, family or neighbors who might be looking for a preschool, please have them check us out at www.dovepreschool.com, or contact us at dovechristianpreschool@gmail.com



COFFEE HOUR UPDATE

As we enter the beautiful Spring season, MPC is updating our COVID restrictions including those relating to Coffee Hour. Coffee, tea, and snacks (such as pre-packaged or fresh cookies, etc.) will be available after the service, giving those attending the opportunity to fellowship and visit while enjoying a treat. Accordingly, we're looking for people to be responsible for coffee hour once a month. We are also looking for cookie or snack donations. Items can be store-bought, individually packaged, or homemade.

There will be a few modifications from past years to make it simpler, as well as instructions available as needed. Various MPC groups will soon be contacted to see if they'd be available once a month to be part of this special time for the church. If you're interested in helping, please contact Robyn Biehler or Sherri Kessler.



MISSIONS MINISTRY

SW HOPE

The SW Hope: Feed The Hungry fundraising campaign ends Sunday April 10th. Thank you to everyone who has brought in items for Neighborhood House or donated towards our goal of \$2000. It's not too late to give, you can donate by check in the offering basket (please make the check out to "Neighborhood House", with "SW Hope" in the memo line), with cash in an envelope marked for SW Hope, or online at this webpage: <https://nhpdx.org/swhope-donate>. Please let the office know if you make a donation online and we can count it as part of our goal.

We are also still collecting canned and non-perishable food and hygiene items in the red bin in the fellowship hall. A list of most-needed items is available here: <https://nhpdx.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/most-needed-items-list-updated-2.7.22.pdf>. It is also posted in the fellowship hall and there are printouts at the welcome counter.

There is one remaining SW Hope event: the SW Hope 5k on Saturday April 9th at 10:30am at Oregon Episcopal School. A group from MPC will be meeting before the 5k and walking (or running) together for a time of fellowship and fresh air. (A 5k is approximately three miles.) Invite friends and neighbors! It's not too late to register: <https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/RaceGroup-1?raceId=53127> (or use the QR code above). Join the "Multnomah Presbyterian Church" group when you sign-up. You can also participate on your own, and kids have their own run at 10am. If 250 people sign-up for the 5k, SW Hope will get an additional matched donation of \$5000!

DISASTER AND CONFLICT RELIEF

The Mission Committee approved two donations in March: \$500 to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to support relief efforts in war-torn Ukraine, and \$750 to World Vision for their Afghanistan fund. Hunger in Afghanistan is a huge problem and millions are on the verge of starvation. We're grateful the Lord has empowered these organizations to make a difference in these desperate situations and blessed us to be able to help.

Come Run With Us!
Saturday April 9th
10:30am at Oregon
Episcopal School
Register online:



Join the "Multnomah Presbyterian Church" group when you sign-up.



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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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