

THE BEACON

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWPORT

Pastor Kathy's Corner

September is back to school time at church as well as in our community. Providing for the spiritual development of children is core to our congregation's identity. We have fine Sunday School/Godly Play materials, but need teachers. Many of you know that our search for a Christian Educator has not succeeded. So, we are on Plan B.

Former educator, Kyra Blank, has offered to get us started by organizing and training teams of volunteers to serve the children on Sunday mornings. We are hoping that there will be enough volunteer teachers and assistants in the rotation that no one will be asked to miss worship more than once or twice a month. We need to have two adults in the classroom for child and adult safety.

You don't need teaching experience to serve children and families! Kyra's training event will show you the lessons, how to prepare and where to find supplies!

It is going to take all of us to sustain this vital offering for our youngest members. Please be generous with your time and energy.

The training will be: September 13th, from 1-4:30pm, beginning in the Westminster Room

Did you know that there is a Presbyterian Older Adult Ministries Network? They have a national conference, and a newsletter. As a network of persons engaged in ministry with older adults, POAMN's mission includes nurturing the faith community, equipping leadership, and resourcing congregations and other organizations that minister to, for, and with older adults. POAMN seeks to encourage ministries that affirm the dignity and value of the multiple generations of aging adults with a focus on spirituality, wellness, care, and social involvement. Its purpose is to educate, advocate, develop and share resources, and train leaders by raising awareness around issues facing aging adults and those who serve those aging adults. For more information: www.poamn.org.

Did you know that Pastor Kathy goes to school? Each month, she is in class at the Lincoln City campus of Oregon Coastal Community College, where she is Small Business Administration for Non-profit organizations. As a member of the board of My Sisters Place, the local domestic abuse prevention program, she is also learning ways to help our church. At the end of September, she will be in Portland for a two-day Preaching Workshop.

September 7, Susan Mills will preach and administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper while Pastor Kathy is in Ashland, OR for the 150th anniversary of First Presbyterian Church of Ashland. She was interim pastor in Ashland for two years before they called the current pastor, Rev. Dan Fowler. This congregation is a member with us in Presbytery of the Cascades.

BACK
TO
SCHOOL



EVENTS

Mondays:
Prayer Group 9:30am

Fridays:
Knitting Circle with Veronika
1pm

Sept. 7th: Communion

Sept. 11th:
Fireside Circle 10:30am

Sept. 12th:
Fellowship Circle 1:30pm

Sept. 14th:
Deacons Meeting 11am

Sept. 15th:
Stone Soup 3:30pm

Sept. 15th:
Session Meeting 2pm

Sept. 25th:
South Beach Manor Service
11am

Sept 21st:
Beacon Submission Deadline

October 5th:
World Communion Sunday
Service and Potluck

Please email Drew Blank at
calendar@newportfpc.org to
request changes or additions to
the church calendar.



CHILDRENS MINISTRIES

Children and Youth Ministries Director

Location: First Presbyterian Church of Newport, Oregon

Position Type: Part-Time (10–12 hours/week)

Compensation: \$1,000/month

Schedule: Primarily Sundays, with flexible hours for planning during the week. Availability required on Easter and Christmas.

About Us

First Presbyterian Church of Newport, Oregon welcomes all persons to join in worship and fellowship within a community of hospitality. We welcome all to our faith community without inquiring about race, ethnicity, immigration status, sexual orientation, or gender identity. We share a vision of Jesus Christ calling all to His table:

“There is no longer Jew nor Greek, there is no longer slave nor free, there is no longer male nor female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.” – Galatians 3:28

Position Overview

We are seeking a caring and energetic Children and Youth Ministries Director who has a heart for children and youth, a love for teaching the Bible, and a commitment to creating a safe, inclusive, and nurturing environment. This person will lead our Sunday morning children’s ministry and youth group activities, and will help support and grow our church’s ministry to young people and their families.

Key Responsibilities

- Teach Sunday School class and schedule volunteers
- Lead youth groups for high school and/or middle school aged youth group
- Host and schedule substitutes for Time with Children during worship services
- Maintain regular communication with parents and families of children and youth
- Connect with new families and help them engage in church life
- Meet regularly with the pastor for planning and support
- Purchase and manage supplies within the designated budget
- Submit monthly ministry reports to Session (our board)
- Provide monthly updates for the church newsletter
- Recruit, screen, train, and support volunteers for both children’s and youth ministries
- Plan and lead children, youth, and family ministry events, including seasonal and holiday programs

Financial Snapshot

Submitted by Church Treasurer Carey Collard

For the Month of July 2025

Operating Funds:

Income: **\$21,855.15**

Expenses: **\$ 11,084.70**

Fund Balance: **\$128,543.66**

Income included \$15,000.00 from the Gleason Family Designated Fund of Oregon Community Foundation. Expenses include the 2nd installment of Property/Liability Insurance for 2025/26 in the amount of \$5,027.20.

Designated Funds:

Fund Balance: **\$50,419.20**

Disbursals from designated funds were as follows:

- \$500.00 to Presbytery of the Cascades for Israel/Palestine (Gaza Aid)
- \$254.87 to Newport High School for the HELP Program (Pentecost Offering)
- \$382.30 to Presbytery of the Cascades for Pentecost Offering

CHILDREN’S DIRECTOR (CONT)

- Coordinate with the worship team when children or youth assist in services
- Ensure and uphold Safe Child policies and child protection practices
- Promote and help coordinate youth participation in Christian summer camps, mission trips, and related fundraisers
- Oversee nursery care and coordinate nursery volunteers

Preferred Qualifications

- A vibrant and growing faith in Jesus Christ
- A heart for working with children and youth, including those who are neurodivergent
- Experience teaching or leading in church, school, or youth settings
- Experience with Godly Play curriculum or Montessori education
- Strong organizational, leadership, and communication skills
- Willingness to engage in ongoing training and continuing education in ministry and child safety
- Ability to work collaboratively with church staff, leadership, and families

To Apply

Please send your resume and cover letter to:

✉ office@newportfpc.org

For more information you may call 541-265-2841

Resumes will be reviewed until the position is filled.

Position advertised: April 18, 2025

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING

2025 Peace and Global Witness Offering
Peacemaking is central to the gospel and the mission of the Church. Peace is possible, and it begins with us pursuing peace in every interaction and decision we make. Let us join together, connected as active peacemakers.

The offering is unique in that half of the gifts received are directed to efforts at the national church level for peacemaking and global witness work around the world, while 25% is retained to congregations for local peace and reconciliation work, and 25% goes to presbyteries for similar ministries at the regional level.

Offering envelopes will be provided at church, or send a check to the church office, made out to First Presbyterian Church, designate peace offering on check memo. We will dedicate our gifts during our Sunday service on October 12th. We are church together. Thank you for giving what you can, it adds up to a lot.

Mission Elders- Nancy Hawley and Anna Whitehurst



World Communion Sunday

From Pastor Kathy and Helen Keagle

Please add to your calendars:

World Communion Sunday, Oct. 5, 2025 at 11am.

Members of Presbyterian churches from the Central Coast will be gathering at First Presbyterian of Newport on October 5, 2025 to celebrate God's glory in communion. There will be a magnificent potluck after the service.

We need your assistance:

-Worship assistants will join with representatives of other churches to welcome all who come. They will also assist with communion.

-Set-up and clean-up tables and chairs in Geneva Hall, tableware; after to clear and wipe down tables, sweep floor (also with those from the other churches.)

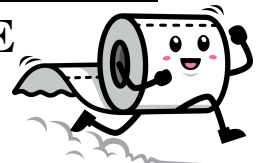
-Kitchen helpers to accept potluck items, manage coffee and other beverages, plates, utensils, etc. Once again, we expect members from other churches to help.

-Pick Up Choir will rehearse before and sing during the service.

There will be more information in the coming weeks.

TOILET PAPER DRIVE

From Nancy Hawley
and Anna Whitehurst



Our church has been asked by the Lincoln County Winter Shelter to aid them in preparing for the needs of the shelter by gathering toilet paper for use during the coming cold weather time. As a part of our Mission work, we agreed to help them and we are going to have a Grand Toilet Paper Drive during the month of September. All you need to do is bring a pack of toilet paper and drop it off at the back of the church sanctuary. Just for fun, we will keep track of the number of rolls we are able to provide for them. We are not collecting cash - just rolls.

NEW NARTHEX ADDITION

From Helen Keagle

Have you noticed the wheelchair in the Narthex?

If a member of our congregation suddenly becomes light-headed, dizzy, or otherwise disabled we can assist them with this wheelchair.

Please thank Marguerite Sanchez for facilitating the donation of this chair. We appreciate that Aging Wisely with Heartfelt Hands, Inc. were willing to give us this wheelchair. Thank you!



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: WHAT A BLESSING....

By Kyra Blank

I've recently accepted a job as a lead preschool teacher for 3 year olds for the upcoming school year. Adding this commitment on top of my already full "Dance Calendar" has been challenging to say the least. I feel like there simply aren't enough hours in the day for everything and I'm tired. Not the simple, solve it with more sleep for a night tired, but a bone weary exhaustion that makes my arms and legs feel like lead. But God has put two things on my heart lately, that have given me perspective and made me reframe this feeling into something better. The first I read somewhere on the internet and it says "What a blessing it is to be tired in the pursuit of a challenge of your own choosing." Meaning what a privilege it is to be able to chase something you're so passionate about with such energy that you're exhausted. Dancing and Early Childhood Education are two things that I simply could never be too

Passionate about. I believe both are God's calling on my life and how special is it that I get to be so involved with them both that I'm this tired. The second thing God has shown me came this morning as I was doing my Presbyterian Devotional (Copies available for free at the church!) and we read Psalm 103, which begins with "Let all that I am praise the Lord: with my whole heart, I will praise his holy name." The part that hit me hardest was "All that I am" meaning, ALL of me. Every bit of energy, of focus, of my body, is made to praise the Lord. With everything that we do, with every choice we make, every interaction we have, let us praise the Lord. That doesn't mean we go around singing praise songs and worshiping at altars 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, but instead it means that when we have the opportunity to say yes to something we know God wants of us, when we can give of our time or our energy, when we

meet someone where we are, when we help others, all of those actions, everything we do, is in praise of the Lord.

Doesn't it stop you in your tracks to know that how we show up in this world is a reflection of our relationship with our Creator? When we give that extra bit of energy to a cause, when we would rather stay home on our couch, but go make a meal for someone instead, that's praise. It's praise to be nervous about talking to a child but still kneel down and make them feel welcome. It's praise when we feel like going straight home on Sunday but instead stay to sweep the floor. In each of these moments, we're Praising God with our energy, which is given to us each day by God.

How can you praise God with your whole heart today?

-Blessings, Kyra

*Praise
THE Lord*

A TIME TO LAUGH

SUBMIT YOUR BEST JOKES, FUNNY STORIES OR COMICS TO THE BEACON TO HAVE THEM INCLUDED HERE



THE CLASSIFIEDS

A place to submit items you no longer need to share with your church family and the broader community. Please feel free to share this with friends who may benefit from these items. We will also publish specific needs if you have any!

Christmas Cactus Seeking Forever Home

Many of you may Remember Bobby Lipman, a wonderful member of our community who passed away last year. Before she went to be with the Lord, I had the privilege of cleaning her home once a week. We became fast friends over our shared love of writing, animals, and plants. Before she moved out of her home, she gifted me this GORGEOUS, 20 year old (at least) Christmas Cactus named Noelle. I brought Noelle to Portland with me, but she is a rather large plant friend and did not fair well in our shoebox apartment, as we have no South-Western facing windows where she prefers to live. She is now being plant-sat by my mom, but she really needs her very own special home. She's incredibly special to me, for obvious reasons, but I know Bobby would want her to thrive and be appreciated and loved. If you're interested in being Noelle's forever home, please reach out.

Requirements for Adoption include a love and knowledge of plants, South-western facing windows, and a promise to cherish her as much as Bobby and I do. Thank you! Kyra Blank (541) 270-5614

