

THE BEACON

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NEWPORT

Pastor Kathy's Corner

Newport FPC hosts 2nd Annual Worship and Potluck for World Communion Sunday. Central Coastal Presbyterians will gather on October 5th, at 11am

We will host three other central coastal Presbyterian Churches to celebrate Worldwide Communion Sunday and witness to the light we shine in our shared identity as Presbyterian Christians. In challenging and difficult times, we will explore how we can be a light to the world. The service begins at 11am to allow our guests time to arrive from throughout Lincoln County.

Participating churches include Chapel by the Sea from Lincoln City, Community Presbyterian Church from Waldport, Community Presbyterian Church from Yachats and First Presbyterian Church from Newport. Each of these churches are part of the Presbytery of the Cascades and all are in Lincoln County.

Come at 10am for rehearsal if you would like to sing in the choir for the day. (Music is available in advance from Margaret Mortimore.) All are invited to join in a combined choir, singing an anthem composed by Milo Graamans: You Can Be the Light.

"The light of the world is still here within you. Walk in the light, believe in the light, so the darkness won't overtake you. For those who walk in darkness, know not where they go. Walk in the light, let it shine bright so that everywhere you go you can be the light shining bright - Though all the earth may seem to be dark you can ignite a spark and be the light."

Paraphrase of John 12:35-36 by Milo Graamans

Milo Graamans, pianist and director of the Yachats Presbyterian Church Choir will accompany the service. Other musicians include the Dr.s O'Brien playing an organ/piano duet and Carol Sedano on singing crystal bowls.

A special offering will be collected for Food Share. You may wish to bring an extra check or cash to participate in this combined gift toward a deep need in our communities. In addition, each congregation will have a plate to collect the weekly offering for that church. (PLEASE SEE CONTINUED ARTICLE ON PAGE 3)

Pastor Away (Please contact one of the elders if you have a pastoral emergency.)

Pastor Kathy will be on vacation October 6-10. She gets to substitute as her granddaughter's caretaker.

October 24 - 24, she will be attending the Presbytery of Cascades meeting in Salem.



EVENTS

Mondays:
Prayer Group 9:30am

Fridays:
Knitting Circle with Veronika 1pm

Oct. 5th: Communion at World Communion Sunday Service and Potluck

Oct. 9th:
Fireside Circle 10:30am

Oct. 10th:
Fellowship Circle 1:30pm

Oct. 12th: Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering dedicated

Oct. 12th:
Deacons Meeting 11am

Oct. 19th:
New Member Salad Potluck

Oct. 20th:
Stone Soup 3:30pm

Oct. 20th:
Session Meeting 2pm

Oct. 23rd:
South Beach Manor Service 11am

Oct. 26th:
Beacon Submission Deadline

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 August 2025

Operating Funds:

Income: \$6,409.84

Expenses: \$ 7,294.75

Fund Balance: \$127,658.75

Designated Funds:

Fund Balance: \$50,488.56



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

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY (CONTINUED)

To welcome so many guests, it takes many hands and hearts. Please consider signing up for one or more tasks. We will have folks from every church assigned to work together.

Each church will provide one:

Food greeter: (to welcome and take potluck dishes as worshippers arrive, wheeling loaded carts to kitchen; leave worship at final hymn to prepare potluck with Kitchen folks)

Worship Assistant/Usher (to assist people as needed - locating toilets, first aid, offering)

Communion Server (assigned to serve with a pastor at one of the communion stations)

Kitchen (receive and organize food to hold until after worship; leave worship at final hymn to prepare potluck with Food greeters to put food on tables with appropriate serving tools.)

Liturgist (to read prayers or other scripted material)

Storyteller (to report on how their congregation shines its light in difficult times)

Clean Up Kitchen (send dishes home, wash serving spoons, empty and wash beverage servers, match lids with casseroles)

Clean Up Hall (clear tables, put away tables and chairs, sweep floor, take out garbage, etc)

Set Up of tables and chairs will be done by Lincoln City Chapel by the Sea Men's Group on Saturday morning.

Tables will be set with placemats, tableware, napkins on Saturday afternoon.

To sign-up to help, contact Helen Keagle, Pastor Kathy or Margaret Mortimer.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

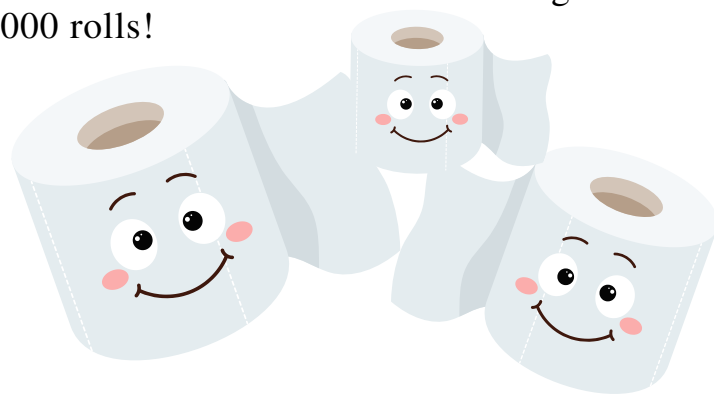
The Update: Fireside Circle will continue to gather in the Westminster Room on the 2nd Thursday of the month, but meetings will now begin at 10:00 a.m. (formerly 10:30 a.m.). Fellowship Circle will continue to meet in Geneva Hall on the 2nd Friday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

The Invitation: This year (September - May), our 2025-2026 PW/Horizons Bible Study is: "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ." All women of the church (members and non-members) are invited to attend either meeting, as it might fit into your schedule each month. Come one time or come every time -- YOU are welcome!

TOILET PAPER DRIVE

From Nancy Hawley

Please don't forget about our toilet paper drive happening throughout the month of October for our local homeless shelter! So far we have collected 236 of 1000 rolls which is our goal. Some ideas for donating include asking your neighbors if they might consider donating a small pack of rolls, asking a local business to donate or posting on social media. Lets see how fast we can break our goal of 1000 rolls!



PLEASE JOIN IN PRAYER

For the individual who was detained by ICE last week in Newport; for his family, especially his wife and any children who will now have to face the future without their dad to support them.

For all the beloved children of God that are now missing and presumed hiding in our community, fearing going to school, their workplace, or house of worship.

for those who are organizing to protect vulnerable immigrants in our midst.

<https://lincolnchronicle.org/ice-agents-sweep-up-man-in-newport-wednesday-morning-sending-fear-through-many-of-the-communitys-workers/>

THANK YOU!

Kyra Blank for volunteering to train Godly Play teachers on her day-off and to our new rotating teaching teams.

Mike and Wren Clark for mowing church lawns.

Beth Matthewson for sharing vegetables and fruit from her garden.

Mike Eastman and Paula Bloomendaal for persisting to get on-line giving onto the church webpage.

Nancy Hawley and Anna Whitehurst for teaching us about the Peacemaking and Global Witness Offering, which we will receive on October 12.

PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING 2025

From Anna Whitehurst and Nancy Hawley

Bringing hope through the acts of solidarity and advocacy is just what the Peace and Global Witness Offering has sought for 40 years. The annual Offering enables Presbyterians of all ages to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in their communities and across the world. You can send a check to our church office made out to First Presbyterian Church, on memo put peace offering, or pick up an offering envelope at church. We will bless your donations on October 12th during our Sunday service. Together we can all help pursue what makes for peace. Together we are the “hope-bringers.” Our congregation will retain 25% for local peace and reconciliation work from our total donated. When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. Thank You. Nancy Hawley and Anna Whitehurst

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR: YOU CAN DO HARD THINGS

From Kyra Blank

Somehow it always feels like each month there is something that comes up for me again and again all month long, and over the last month the message I’ve been receiving is “You can do hard things” God did not create in us a heart of fear, instead the Bible says “Do not be afraid” more times than I can probably count. (Not hard, I’m a dancer and we can only count to 8... laugh if you get the joke..) Back in 2018 I was in a class and the instructor said “a little fear in life is a good thing, it lets you know you’re moving in the right direction.” I think about that quote almost every day, and how it’s okay to be scared when we do new things. God calls us to do hard things all the time, and to trust in God that God will provide for us what we need, whether that’s words, skills, finances, etc. This is easier said than done, but I am seeing so many of you in the congregation facing your fears and service God outside of your comfort zone. I know God will bless your efforts and give you comfort. Before you know it, this hard thing you’re doing will feel like you’ve been doing it all your life, and you’ll be scared of something new. Keep going and know that with God, you can do hard things. Love, Kyra.

A TIME TO LAUGH

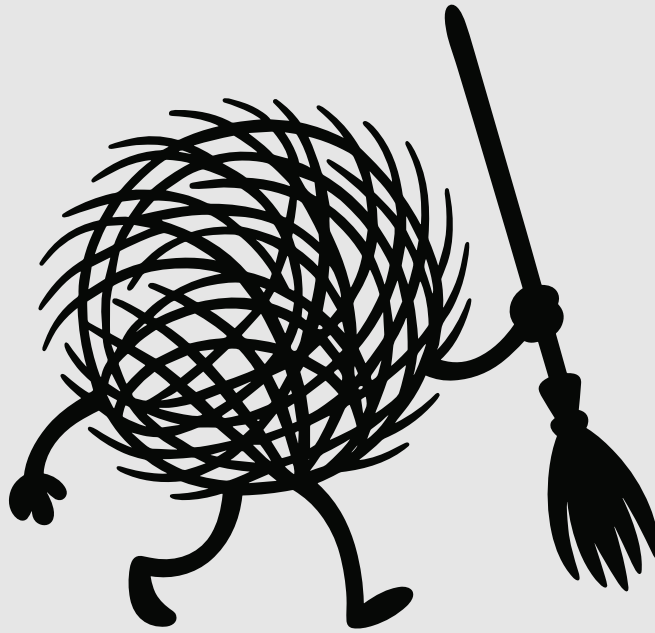
**SUBMIT YOUR BEST JOKES, FUNNY STORIES OR COMICS TO THE BEACON
TO HAVE THEM INCLUDED HERE**

“One communion Sunday, my communion steward prepared communion elements in her usual manner. Or at least I thought it was in her usual style. When it came time to uncover the elements, the grape juice looked darker than usual. I thought nothing of it and began to serve the communion. Promptly upon receiving the cup, each recipient’s face had a peculiar, stunned look. When it came time for me to receive I discovered why the strange looks... the juice was prune juice! One parishioner stated, ‘Perhaps this is a divine commentary on our spirituality...we need a little loosening up!’”

Source: <https://www.tumblr.com/cbookstorenet-blog/6760749033/communion-and-church-jokes>

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!



NOTHING THIS MONTH