

May
2023



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WALDPOR

THE WINDOW

Pencil It In!

May 06 9:30-10:30am Saturday Breakfast & Food Box Giveaway
May 06 4:00pm Central Coast Chorale concert—Lincoln City
May 07 10:30am Worship Service / Communion
May 11 10:00am Finance Meeting via Zoom
May 13 9:30-10:30am Saturday Breakfast & Food Box Giveaway
May 14 10:30am Worship Service Live & via Zoom
May 18 10:00am Stated Session Meeting
May 20 9:30-10:30am Saturday Breakfast & Food Box Giveaway
May 21 10:30am Worship Service Live & via Zoom
May 27 9:30-10:30am Saturday Breakfast & Food Box Giveaway
May 28 10:30am Worship Service Live & via Zoom / Coffee Mingle
May 29 Memorial Day Holiday

Special Thanks To

..... Cookie Baxter who coordinates Coffee Mingle
..... Joyce Adams who spearheads Saturday Breakfast & Food Boxes
..... Pastors Wendy & Mark for their dedication to our congregation
..... Mission Elder, Scott Perkins, for doing a Minute for Missions about Pentecost
..... Lyle Seaman for seeing that Hymnal Plus is ready for each Sunday
..... Custodian Robby Hensen who cleans the church each week
..... All who attended the memorial service for Harvey Schuch
..... Mary Vandermeiden and her violin solos. What talent!

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“There are no successful churches.”

I heard this from someone, sometime (I can't remember who or when). I do remember that it caught my ear. Maybe it was at some conference about leading successful churches, I don't remember. What I do remember is how the “whoever-it-was” finished the thought...

**Instead, there are communities of sinners
who gather and scatter
in the name of and for the sake of Jesus.**

Jesus was not a “successful” King. He had no throne or crown or army. He did have rejection and execution. That and truth and welcoming the outcast and repairing souls.

We have no Sunday school bursting with children, no Long-Range Plan with all the steps lined out, no pews filled to capacity. We are not a “successful” church. What we have is sinners coming and going for Jesus. That, and scarce funds spent to feed the hungry and help the outcast; And - tired members driving a friend to the doctor's and waiting for the results, or writing letters to grieving widows, or delivering cookies to neighbors. We are not “successful”. We are sinners gathering to celebrate each other's triumphs and grieve each other's tragedies. Sinners scattering to bless and love our neighbors.

Big Sunday Schools and big budgets are not bad, but they are also not the point. The point of the church is to gather and scatter in the name of and for the sake of Jesus, (a reoccurring theme in God's dreams?) To serve Christ is to succeed. To chase success is to fail.

Blessings,
Wendy

In the weeks ahead we will create a map of our gathering and scattering for Jesus. We will fill a BIG map of the community with the places where we gather and scatter for Jesus, the places where God's dream lives.

Start now by making a list of all the ways/places Community Presbyterian folks live out the dream of God.

Lets watch it grow...this living for Christ!

Church Financial Report

Denise McPherson

Church Financial Report

Prepared by Denise McPherson, Treasurer

For March 2022 General Fund Income Received **\$18,828.33**

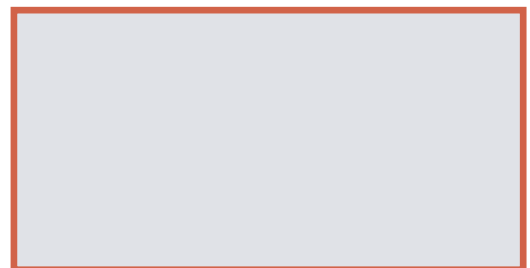
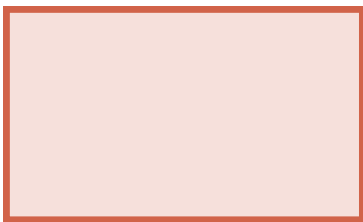
For March, 2022 General Fund Actual Expenses **\$21,062.10**

Income received was **\$2,233.77** LESS than expenses.



Birthdays

Anniversaries



Session Highlights / Barbara Hare, Clerk

Sylvia & Chuck Selden
Royalton Place
Assisted Living & Memory Care Room 225
5555 SE King Road
Milwaukie, OR 97222
(503-653-1854)

Sylvia loves cards and calls. Chuck has now been placed in the Memory Care part of their facility and Sylvia has moved into a smaller studio apartment. They can have their meals together and visits.

- Our Benevolence fund is in need to donations. See the article below.
- The yard care has not been done recently. A crew from the company will come and do any clean up that is needed.
- The project to replace the siding on the fellowship hall has been put on hold. A committee will look at grants to apply for to help supply the funds needed.
- Saturday Morning Breakfast and the Food Box giveaway numbers have risen. We are feeding about 100 people every week.

Benevolence Offering

Our church benevolence fund has been established to help our church family and friends with financial resources in times of crisis.

We collect this every first of the month but haven't said much about it in a number of years because until recently, the fund has adequately covered the needs.

In the last 6 months, there have been several large ticket items that have seriously depleted the fund.

Although we don't begrudge the expenditures, we want to be able to give a resounding "YES" next time a request is made.

So, now is the time to call attention to the fund and rebuild its cash reserves in preparation for the next request.

You can make a donation in the envelope provided the first of the month, or write 'Benevolence' on the memo line on you check.

May 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6 <i>Saturday Breakfast & Food Boxes</i>
7 <i>Worship live & via Zoom / Communion 10:30am</i>	8	9	10	11 <i>Finance Mtg. 10:00 / Zoom</i>	12	13 <i>Saturday Breakfast & Food Boxes</i>
14 <i>Worship live & via Zoom 10:30am</i>	15	16	17	18 <i>Session Mtg. 10:00am / Zoom</i>	19	20 <i>Saturday Breakfast & Food Boxes</i>
21 <i>Worship live & via Zoom / Coffee Mingle</i>	22	23	24	25	26	27 <i>Saturday Breakfast & Food Boxes</i>
28 <i>Worship live & via Zoom / Coffee Min- gle 10:30am Pentecost Offering</i>	29 <i>Memorial Day</i>	30	31			

Church Activities Easter Sunday



Bible Study—June 1, 2023

Practicing Resurrection Bible Study,

A weekly in-person Bible study at the our church to begin on June 1, 2023 @ noon

We are going to begin an in-person Bible study once again. We have not had an in-person Bible study since the beginning of the COVID pandemic, (March 2020). We will start this new Bible study on Thursday June 1, 2023, and meet every Thursday at noon for 1 hour in the Guild room of our Community Presbyterian Church.

The class will be taught by Rev. Mark Olson. We will be using the book:

Practice Resurrection: A Conversation on Growing Up in Christ by Eugene Peterson

The church will purchase the books and you may reimburse the church if you wish. The cost of each book is \$19.00.

Rev. Eugen Peterson uses this book to study the book of Ephesians. The title of his book helps us to focus on the idea of living into the reality of Jesus' Resurrection. In short, to practice this reality we mature in Christ as individuals and as a congregation.

Eugene Peterson, writes in his introduction to the book:

This is a conversation on becoming a mature Christian, Christian formation, growing up to the stature of Christ.

All of us are born. No exceptions. Birth brought us alive, kicking and crying, into a world that is vast, complex, damaged, demanding... and beautiful. In increments, day by day, we begin to get the hang of it. We drink from our mother's breast, go to sleep, and wake up. One day on waking up we stand upright and amazing everyone with our pedestrian acrobatics. It isn't long before we're old hands at language, using nouns and verbs with the best of them. We are growing up.....

So – growing up “healthy in God, robust in love. That is my subject: finding and living into the form of what one psalm translation terms “the beauty of holiness” (Ps. 29:2 KJV). The formation of our minds and spirts, our souls, our lives – our lives transformed, growing up strong in God, growing to maturity, to the stature of Christ.

I am looking forward to leading this class as we study and discuss some of the important issues that Eugene Peterson brings up in his book, “Practice Resurrection.” So, come and join us and bring a friend.

In the grace and peace of Jesus Christ,

Pastor Mark

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Sunday Worship Service 10:30am
LIVE & via Zoom and Facebook

Saturday Food Box Giveaway
9:30am to 10:30am



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