

**June
2023**



COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WALDPOR

THE WINDOW

Pencil It In!

- June 01 12Noon Bible Study / Guild Room
 June 03 9:30-10:30am Saturday Breakfast & Food Box Giveaway
 June 04 10:30am Worship Service / Communion / via Zoom & Live
 June 08 10:00am Finance Committee Meeting via Zoom
 12 Noon Bible Study in Guild Room
 June 10 9:30-10:30am Saturday Breakfast & Food Box Giveaway
 June 11 10:30am Worship Service Live & via Zoom
 June 15 10:00am Stated Session Meeting via Zoom
 12Noon Bible Study in Guild Room
 June 17 9:30-10:30am Saturday Breakfast & Food Box Giveaway
 Beachcombers Days in Waldport
 June 18 10:30am Worship Service Live & via Zoom / Coffee Mingle
 Fathers Day
 June 22 12 Noon Bible Study in Guild Room
 June 22-23 Cascades Presbytery Meeting (online only)
 June 24 9:30-10:30am Saturday Breakfast & Food Box Giveaway
 June 25 10:30am Worship Service Live & via Zoom / **Coffee Mingle**
 June 29 12Noon Bible Study in Guild Room



- All who helped out with food for Memorial Service for Chuck Selden
- Coffee Mingle helpers: providing food, set-up & clean-up
- All who signed up for the Bible Study!!
- Pentecost Offering—40% will go to books for children
- Charlie & Barbara Hare for taking all our recyclables to Bottle Drop
 Money from Bottle Drop will go to the Saturday Breakfast & Food Box ministry

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¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." (Mark 1:14-15)

Life is a gift, a precious gift, surrounding and enfolding us. With eyes to see, ears to hear, and hands to feel, everything can tell the story of God's creation and love. Jesus, our Lord and Savior, has invited us all to realize we live in God's creation (the kingdom of God). Jesus says repent and believe this good news, yet we often fail to believe and that is why we must repent. When fear is motivated by our finite lives we often hold on to physical, worldly matters. Scripture tells us that our fear must only be in God. The fear of God is having a deep reverence and respect for God and recognizing God's sovereignty, power, and holiness in all things. This fear of God doesn't mean being afraid of God or cowering in terror. Proverbs 1:7 states, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge". As people who put their belief in the good news of Jesus Christ, we must believe that God's love is all around us, even amid great pain and sorrow. One of my favorite hymns, "This is My Father World," came to my mind as I was writing this note to you. So, I did some research to learn more about this hymn to figure out why it came to my mind.

The author of the words for this hymn was Rev. Maltbie Davenport Babcock, a Presbyterian pastor who lived from August 3, 1858 to May 18, 1901. One day Rev. Babcock, who at the time was a pastor in Lockport, N.Y., said to his wife, as he was leaving for a walk, that he was "going out to see the Father's world." That statement stuck with him and wrote a poem to help others see that God's world is in all things, the good and the bad. His wife published the poem, entitled "This Is My Father's World", shortly after his death. The poem can be found in the book, "Thoughts for every-day living from the spoken and written words of Maltbie Davenport Babcock." The poem was later made into the following hymn.

1 This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears, all nature sings, and round me rings, the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the wonders wrought.

2 This is my Father's world. Oh, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world: the battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

Rev. Babcock's life ended tragically, at the young age of 41, while on tour of the Holy Land. On his voyage back home he and several other passengers got very sick from drinking milk that had a deadly bacterium. In the final stages of his illness, he chose to end his life, rather than live through the pain he must have been experiencing.

Suicide is a tragic way to die. I have worked with those who have either contemplated or committed suicide. I've also ministered to families, friends, and communities of those who have lost loved ones to suicide. I don't believe suicide to be an unforgivable sin. I believe that God is our judge and wants us all to be one with God. To take one's own life one must be hurting to the point they don't see any other option. I understand God to be a loving God and will have amazing grace on us as we breath our last breath, no matter how we die. I have compassion for any who suffers to the point of contemplating suicide. We all have suffered, and they say that most people have considered suicide as an option. Suicide is a final decision, and I hope that none of us would see that option as the best or only option. The pain that loved ones go through in the aftermath of suicide is one of the roughest events to live with.

This past year my own family experienced the death of a loved one by suicide and an attempt by another. I understand and have compassion for those who are struggling with suicide, and I will not judge a person for taking their own life, yet I would hope that none of us will make that final and ultimate decision. I pray that God will give to all the strength and patience to get through their suffering without taking their own life.

This earthly life of ours is filled with incredible beauty and horror, joy and sorrow, fear and hope and yet it all belongs to God. Repent and believe the good news, God's Kingdom is near. The 1st and 2nd verse of this hymn go together. Read them together again and may you find strength and encouragement on your journey through this life.

Grace and Peace, Mark

Church Financial Report

For April 2023 General Fund Income received **\$25,841.76**

For April 2023 General Fund Expenses were **\$27,226.71**

This leaves us in the red by **\$1,384.71**



Birthdays

Anniversaries



Beachcombers Days June 16, 17, 18, 2023



**Friends of
The Waldport
Library:**

**Volunteering at Beach-
comber Days, 2022.**



June 2023

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

				1 Bible Study 12 Noon Guild Room	2	3 9:30am Saturday Food Box giveaway
4 10:30am Worship live & via Zoom / Communion	5	6	7	8 Finance Mtg. 10:am Bible Study	9	10 9:30am Saturday Food Box giveaway
11 10:30am Worship live & via Zoom	12	13	14	15 10:00am Session Mtg. Bible Study	16 Beachcomber Days	17 9:30am Saturday Food Box giveaway
18 10:30am Worship live & via Zoom	19	20	21	22 Bible Study 12 Noon Guild Room	23	24 9:30am Saturday Food Box giveaway
25 10:30am Worship live & via Zoom	26	27	28	29 Bible Study 12 Noon Guild Room	30	

Stated Session Meeting News May 18, 2023

Chapel by the Sea church invited the congregation of the Waldport Church to a “picnic” on August 27th at a park in Newport! Elders said YES!

Pastor’s vacations were approved. July 24-August 7, October 13-26 & Dec. 27-Jan 2.

Money from the recyclables voted to go to the Food Ministry. Hare’s will do this.

Pentecost Offering, taken May 28th, 40% will go to books for children.

A Grant Writing committee has been formed and they are pursing money for Saturday Food Program & Building maintenance.

Worship Committee to meet. Robin Seyfert of Basha International will be in USA this summer. When can she meet with us? Ric Booth wants to come and give a brief talk about South Lincoln Resources voucher program. Is July a good time?

Bible Study to start June 1st at 12Noon, in person, in the Guild Room.

Waldport’s annual Weekend party features a parade, beer and wine gardens, live music, kids fair, timber show, fire dancers, car and motorcycle show and more than 100 food and crafts vendors.



**Waldport’s
Beachcomber
Days
June 16-18**

Bible Study Thursday's at 12Noon "Live"

Pastor Mark Olson will be leading an "in person" Bible study

At 12Noon every Thursday, beginning June 1st.

He has chosen the book Practice Resurrection by Eugene Peterson.

Come and join this interesting study. We will meet in the Guild Room weekly.

If you have to miss a week, don't worry. Come when you can.

Books are \$19.00 and are available in the church office.

SOME OF THE FACTS ABOUT EUGENE PETERSON AND HIS EDUCATION:

Eugene H. Peterson Eugene Hoiland Peterson (November 6, 1932 – October 22, 2018) was an American Presbyterian minister, scholar, theologian, author, and poet. He wrote over 30 books, including the Gold Medallion Book Award–winner *The Message*:

The Bible in Contemporary Language (Navpress Publishing Group, 2002),[2] an idiomatic paraphrasing commentary and translation of the Bible into modern American English using a dynamic equivalence translation approach.[3]

Peterson was born on November 6, 1932, in Stanwood, Washington, and grew up in Kalispell, Montana. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from Seattle Pacific University, his Bachelor of Sacred Theology degree from New York Theological Seminary, and his Master of Arts degree in Semitic languages from Johns Hopkins University. [4]

He also held several honorary doctoral degrees.[5] In 1962, Peterson was a founding pastor of Christ Our King Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) in Bel Air, Maryland, where he served for 29 years before retiring in 1991. He emphasized the message of Jesus as being communal rather than individual in its nature.[6] He was the James M. Houston Professor of Spiritual Theology at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia, from 1992 to 1998.[7][8]



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

**Free Saturday Breakfast &
Saturday Food Box Giveaway
9:30am to 10:30am**



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