

Be careful what you pray for—or don't?

2 Corinthians 9:8: And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

Back in the middle of the pandemic, I can remember praying a few times for God to bless us as a congregation, for God to help us in ministry even though we weren't yet able to meet in person. Well, all I can say is, be careful what you pray for. Now that we are able to come back together (and what a blessing that is!), God HAS blessed us, and blessed us abundantly.

We have two new groups joining us on campus, beginning July 1. The first one is from Peace House. Uncle Food's Diner will be working upstairs in Calvin Hall, using our kitchen on Tuesday, Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday to feed people in need. Uncle Food's Diner goes out to different satellite areas around town and delivers meals in those places. In addition, they provide meals to the guests currently living

at the new OHRA center (formerly the Super 8 Motel). They will only be with us for the next two months before moving back to the Methodist church, but we welcome them.

The second group is the Children's World Montessori Preschool and Kindergarten. They will be occupying the downstairs of Calvin Hall as well as using the Matthew 25 room in the administration building Monday-Friday from 9-4, beginning Sept. 1.

Having these two groups join us on campus is a blessing. We'll be helping to feed people in need and providing excellent childcare and instruction for children and supporting working parents. In addition, the church will receive revenue from both groups, enabling us to work on fixing some things around the church campus. I realize it may take awhile to figure out who is using what, where and when; we may have some scheduling difficulties from time to time. Let's do our best to handle those with grace, as we

give thanks for these abundant blessings. Speaking about blessings, there is another blessing God has given to us as well.

When we knew we needed to get Calvin Hall ready for possible tenants, session decided to go ahead and put in a new HVAC system in the hall. This will happen in the second week in September. In addition to a new heating unit, it will include both an upstairs AC unit and a clean air system to filter out smoke from fires. This means we will have a cool, breathable space available for our congregants and neighbors, if and when there is a fire. Thanks to your continued generous support, we are able to do this!

So on second thought, DON'T be careful what you pray for, especially if it is asking our loving, gracious God for a blessing! Thanks be to God, for all the blessings we receive.

In Christ,



Join the church festivities for July 4!

By Dennis Slattery, summer team

Happy Independence Day! This Sunday, we will have a cake, iced tea, and lemonade. We will honor the nation's birthday, celebrate all the people whose birthdays we missed in the past year (that's all of us!), and

recognize especially those born in July.

We will sing happy birthday, and Dan will sing the national anthem. Then we'll have good old fashioned fellowship.

We will also be signing up people



this week to volunteer to bring goodies for future social hours.

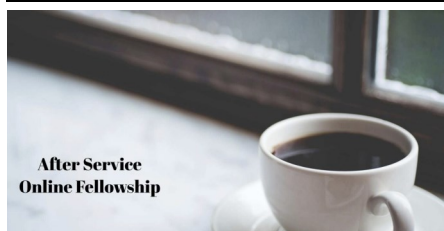
Summer activities abound as church opens up

Back to "normal" worship services

With the governor's proclamation that all businesses can reopen as of June 30, we will be going back to our regular open services with no need to pre-register! We do ask that you still wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated. Other than that, the XXXs in the sanctuary will be gone from the pews, along with the tape. You can sit wherever you want, however close you want.

The 8 a.m. service will restart beginning on Sunday, July 18! See you in the chapel then.

Communion for BOTH services will be served on the first Sunday of the month, passed in the pews. We will still have communion kits for those not yet comfortable participating in communion.



The Summer Team recently decided that we will continue with **virtual fellowship** on Sundays at 11. A laptop will be set up in Calvin Hall with a "zoom chair," so people who are fellowshiping online can talk with folks who are there in person.



It is time to celebrate our church, our community, and our connections. It is so great to be back worshipping together.

To celebrate, we are having a good **old-fashioned potluck** after church on **Aug. 15**. Please bring a dish (either purchased or home-made) and your table service. Drinks will be provided.



"For it's root, root root for the home team. . . ." Come to the **Medford Rogues game** on Tuesday, July 6! It's "free cushion night" for the first 100 guests, and Pastor Dan will be singing the national anthem. Tickets are available on the Medford Rogues website or by calling 541-9723-2883.

Summer Sermon Series



Pastor Dan will be doing a six-week **sermon series** on the book of Revelation starting this Sunday, July 4. Should make for an interesting summer!

Join Us for Our... Grand Re-Opening!

Save the date of Sept. 12 for our **church grand re-opening!**

Invite a friend to church. We are inviting the neighborhood to join us for a re-opening celebration!

We'll have a large food event after the 10 a.m. service, with live music and lots of fellowship and fun! More details to come.

B and G Committee working on improvements



By Marilyn Wright

The Buildings and Grounds Committee is in the process of upgrading the heating and AC systems for Calvin Hall and the administration building.

Both furnaces have been in stages of failure for awhile, but this is to be rectified this summer.

There are also plans to clean windows and carpets soon.

The Dialogue

Thanks to all who have contributed to the *Dialogue*. Articles are welcome for the August issue. Please submit by Thursday, July 22. Email (preferred) to huntermarcia@gmail.com

Marcia Hunter, editor

Session makes several important decisions in June

By Marcia Hunter, clerk

Session was busy with important decisions at the June Session meeting.

After accepting Commissioner Paul Lewis' report from the recent Presbytery meeting with thanks, we also wish to commend the congregation for completing the *per capita* payments in full this year.

The Buildings and Grounds Committee and Session have been comparing bids for a new HVAC system in Calvin Hall. The best deal came from National Heating and Air Conditioning to remove old equipment, provide an efficient gas furnace for upstairs and down in Calvin Hall, install AC upstairs in Calvin Hall and in the admin building, provide a heat exchanger, efficient filtration and an air purification system. Session approved the steps needed to complete the bidding process and has also approved the bid from National for \$37,663.

Many thanks to all who worked so hard to make this happen, the B and G Committee—especially

Howdy Miller and Sam Alvord—and Brian Almquist, and Dan Fowler.

Session accepted a lease proposal from the Finance Committee for Children's World (Montessori School) to rent lower Calvin Hall (except for the small classrooms), the Matthew 25 Room and a bathroom in the admin building for \$2,775 per month (Sept. 1, 2021 through Aug. 31, 2022). Effective date will be July 16, 2021 for storage only, with a 10% storage fee.

The Vision and Growth Committee got session's approval to move control of the \$500 (per quarter) mission money to the new Social Justice team to be used or saved as seed money for larger projects; and leave noisy offering and PC(USA) offerings (including decisions about how to use local portions) with the seasonal worship teams.

At the session meeting another rental proposal was approved. Peace House was planning to rent our kitchen for Uncle Food's Diner, 4 days/week for 6 months at \$800/month. During subsequent discus-

sions with Peace House Program Director Elizabeth Hallett, however, things have changed. They are now planning to stay only one or two months. In any case, we are happy to be able to participate in this ministry to those in need of food. They will work with us to avoid conflicts with other uses of the building.

And, finally, we approved the use of \$3400 received through a presbytery grant proposal written by Bea Berry, for a mental health training at our church. The funds will be used to pay presenters for community training sessions beginning July 11. One class will be held on a Sunday after church (see below) and four other 3-hour trainings will be offered to OHRA, police, fire, library, and others who come into contact with traumatized or mentally ill members of the public.

John Wren and Pastor Dan are working on the job description for Willa Van Camp, our intern who will start on August 1. We are looking forward to having her with us through next April.

"Emerging from the Pandemic with Mental Health Resilience"

- o Presented by First Presbyterian Church, Ashland,
- o Sunday, July 18, 2021; 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
- o Sponsored by PC(USA) mental health grant
- o In-person at Calvin Hall Fellowship Center
- o Live Stream on YouTube

See Bea Berry for more information.

Men's Book Club meeting in July

By David Hall

The First Presbyterian Men's Book Club is currently reading *In the Land of the Grasshopper Song* by Mary Ellicott Arnold and Mabel Reed.

They will meet on Wednesday, July 28, maybe at an air conditioned indoor establishment (to be determined).

Let's See**What happens at a well?** *By Sam Alvord*

Jesus met a woman at a well and they talked. She was pleased with their talk. In addition to talking at the well, I bet they drank some of the water. In our culture, we would call that "having drinks" or "getting together for tea or coffee." I wonder if the well where Jesus and the woman talked and drank had a circle of rocks or maybe some benches where folks sat while they talked and enjoyed a cup of cool fresh water right out of the earth?

Sitting, chatting, and sipping a drink can prove refreshing and revitalizing. And often we come away feeling good or inspired or valued or we learn something important or we just feel rested and less anxious. Jesus and the woman each acquired a new acquaintance. Isn't that a nice array of unexpected treats from an hour or so at a well?

Our church is challenged to find ways to offer services that help make life wonderful and new activities which will revitalize us as members

languid from Covid and might help stop the drop in our membership and begin to increase our flock. Perhaps we need to create a well?

Imagine a regular gathering that provides a time and place for folks in our community who are not inclined to attend a worship service, but would like to meet new people, enjoy light refreshment, listen to some live music and a short reading, have a chance to light a candle, ask for prayer and end the time together with an open-ended, unrushed passing of the peace and mixing.

One goal would be to make a time for spiritual reflection and interaction with folks of any faith or none. The readings would touch on themes all humans share and care about. The music would be soothing and inspiring. Hospitality and good will would drive those who volunteered to create The Well. We could offer our sanctuary and the courtyard as a place for people seeking wellness and understanding as Jesus



offered.

Isn't it amazing how Jesus discerned that the woman had more burdens than just the heavy water jug? The Well on Clark Street could be a place where a person could lay down their burden and maybe find a helping hand to take it up again.

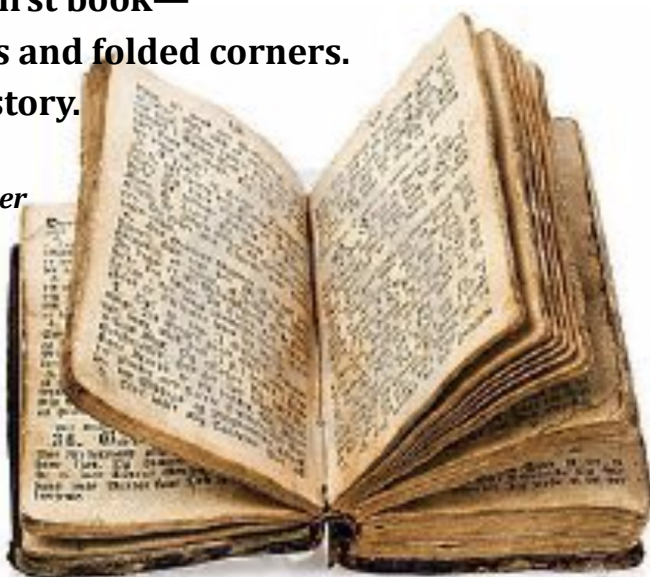
Could this become one more way to add to what we already do as a community, offering the cup of cold water and opportunities for healing and joy in a stressful world?

Would you like to see what happens if we meet at The Well?

Haiku for the month

**Library's first book—
food stains and folded corners.
I love the story.**

By Robb Grover

**A Mozarabic prayer**

You call us from our settled ways, O God,
out of old habits and rutted traditions.
You call us into the land of promise,
to new life and new possibilities,
Make us strong to travel the road ahead.
Deliver us from false security and comfort,
desire for ease and uninvolved days.
Let your Word and Spirit dwell in us
that your will may be fulfilled in us
for the well-being and shalom of all.
Amen

Mozarabic: relating to Christians in Spain under Muslim Moorish rule.

Submitted by RuthAnn Almquist

Little Free Pantry: Take what you need, give what you can

By Denise Deneaux, deacon

(A Minute for Mission from the pulpit on June 20)

I would like to thank all “Food Angels” in our congregation and in the community who have contributed to the Little Free Pantry up here on Clark Street. I am hugely grateful to Sam and Pat Alvord who so expertly built and painted it and to Adele Hiles who lent her extraordinary artistry in decorating it. In the short time it has been here, it has really met an apparent need.

But, allow me to digress.

Three years and a few months ago I stood in Calvin Hall for my second or third visit to this church and couldn’t hold back tears—I was so moved by the large paintings on the walls. I felt I could walk into those scenes: two men in business attire walking obliviously past a line of weary folks reaching out their hands, leaning or resting against a building; a food line with a mother and her two children; a child looking backwards to observe an old man with a sign saying “Hungry, please help” as a crowd presses past him.

I have always held the belief that one should take care and be awake of what you hang on your walls—for that is also what you hang on your heart and what manifests in your life. So it struck me the other day that, in these three intervening years, this remarkable, relatively small congregation has now hosted the winter shelter and car-camping folks in our parking lot, and has given time, creative know-how and energy into creating the Little Free Pantry. I hear rumor that we may become at least temporary headquarters for the Peace House initiative of Uncle Food’s Diner. Those pictures of



empathy toward those without a home were hung on our hearts and turned into a huge community outreach.

Each of us lives an extraordinary life. I really believe it. After hearing about Esther Freed yesterday, I was again reminded of that by all the wonderful tales of her life with Jerry. And even one gesture can be extraordinary. A bag of rice and a can of chicken became a gift of nourishment for a somewhat frail looking woman dressed in beautiful pink who appeared on foot, looking for a few items to carry away one day. The next time I saw her she brought the pantry some special tea bags to share, and we had a long conversation about the dangers her relatives are facing with COVID in India and how she will be out of a job in three months. Most of the people I have seen are on foot, by the way.

This pantry also prompted an immediate invitation from Isaac Oliansky, Director of the Ashland Emergency Food Bank, for me to come on down any time to restock. So this past Friday the pantry was fully restocked with items from there—but also by others who came by. And by Saturday much of it was gone, and today, all gone. The contents change daily.

My point is that these pantry

shelves have the support of the entire Ashland community through resources of the food bank. But the need is still more than any one of us can keep up with. The use of our pantry appears to be increasing and especially toward the end of any given month.

So I encourage you to come to church with a can of stew, a box of granola bars or cereal or rice — something nourishing—and keep this magic ball rolling. And, if you have fresh produce, that lovely lady from India will be interested, as will others. If not used, it just needs to be discarded by 5 p.m. so various animal critters don’t have a feast.

And please, if you need food, take some. This pantry is for everyone. If you have food, share some. Take what you need and give what you can. And thank you for lending your extraordinary lives and love to this mission.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

9 – Helga Binder
9 – Laurel Dryland
14 – Carol Horton
22 – Bill Quiett—turns 90!
26 – Mary Smelcer

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

2 – Brian and Carrie Prechtel
6 – Mark Shibley and Trish Styer—25th

Remembering Jane Ann Henderson. . . .

By Shirley Patton

It's a pleasure to write a few words about Jane Ann Henderson who died on June 22 at the age of 98. She and my youngest, Will, joined the church the same day in either 1981 or 1983, and we met her at the coffee hour following the service. So we've been friends around 30 years.

Jane Ann was an excellent conversationalist all her life, and that gift stayed with her until the last week.

Although never privileged to be a student of hers, I am certain she was a master teacher. She loved kids, always taught with a piano in her classroom, and was inventive with using nature and what could be seen out the classroom windows to enliven the curriculum. She loved the

arts and introducing others to the world of concert halls, art museums, and theatres. She discovered Ashland when she volunteered to accompany students attending plays at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Widowed, with her three daughters raised and leading their own lives, she decided Ashland would be a

good place to retire. That decision was good not only for her, but for the Rogue Valley as well.

In that first con-

versation over a cup of Calvin Hall coffee, I remember being struck with the brave way she faced the future and a new community. She had already auditioned for a place in the cello section of the Rogue Valley Symphony and had won a spot. (Oops! I realize I



have undoubtedly exceeded the few words Marcia intended, so I'll try to wrap it up.)

Jane Ann volunteered for the Women's Health Center, Habitat for Humanity, Chamber of Commerce, OSF, Extended Circle, Church Women United, and PW, among others.

In 1989 she traveled to Spain with my mother, Belle Douglass, when Will was completing a study abroad program with the U of O. They traveled on their own while Will was taking finals and then became a trio of tourists and visited Will's favorite sites. In the next decade she joined Bill, Mother and me on a theatre tour of England capped with a week in Scotland. She was a great travel companion with her curiosity, interest in world cultures and people, sense of humor, and ability to be a good sport. Oh, yes, and she was also a Marine!

What a blessing friendship is. That friendship grew to include her daughters Jeanine (who predeceased her mother), Jocelyn (who shared her mother's home and cared for her these last years), and Jennifer and a great crew of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. I thank God for sending Jane Ann our way.

Presbyterian Women to meet in September

By Barbara Marsh

Hello, all you wonderful Presbyterian women! After a very long, weary time of Covid separation and sparse communication, we hope you will be elated to know that our PW coordinating team was able to meet in person at Debbie Miller's home June 17 to begin plans for PW program meetings and events for 2021-2022. Oh, blessed day!

Our first meeting will be Thursday Sept. 9, at 2 p.m. in Calvin Hall. We will commence with catch-up conversation and tasty refreshments. Then Eleanor Robison will introduce the new study guide. Shirley Patton will lead us as we remember dear members we have lost over the past two years. We

expect to send you home with a hot-off-the-press PW yearbook, which will be a helpful resource to you this coming year.

Please, give any suggestions you have for programs to any of the six team members—Joanne Costantino, Debbie Miller, Barbara Marsh, Shirley Patton, Sue Sager and Darlene Saunders—before August 5, our next scheduled team meeting. Better yet, join us in person as we begin putting the yearbook together!

Watch for more details and news in the August Dialogue. For now you can mark your calendar and reserve Sept. 9 at 2 p.m. for PW.

How exciting it is to look forward to gathering together soon.

- - - - - Why we give - - - - -

By Dennis Slattery, as shared from the pulpit on June 13

I have been asked to speak to “why we give” of our time and treasure. I speak for Sandra and myself as a team—but I am also very aware I am speaking to a congregation of family and friends who in many ways already give a great deal. Your example has always been remarkable.

We joined this church five years ago. We came here in large part because of the reputation this congregation had for giving beyond the church walls, giving to and helping communities in need. We were met with a kind welcoming that was a very meaningful gift. We have never forgotten those beginning moments and the sense that we had come home.

In essence, since then, we have simply endeavored to do our part among great people.

Yes, we have always given, and continue to give, of time and treasure in a number of ways in the community. In one way or another, ours is the

work of service—to help others get to where they want to go. There is a lot of need out there, and those of us blessed with resources must help—even when it might seem woefully inadequate. When it does, the act of giving becomes even more important and essential. We can’t give up, we must continue—there is a better day ahead, we are promised by our faith.

But we give to the church for some special reasons. Our faith leads us to share. Our congregation’s good and important work must continue to be supported, and those in need in one way or another must find hope and assistance in the fulfillment of Mathew 25. As it has been said “The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.” Together, we find solutions in unique ways.

I think of the Little Pantry and the contribution it is making, the good work the safe parking group is doing, and the shelter earlier this year. We combine our resources of time and treasure to make a positive impact on others’ lives. This is the

essence of our faith.

We have been so very blessed to live here, to have this church family and to be among good and caring people. We have been truly gifted more than we can ever return. But there is one more important reason we give. This church, this faith in all its goodness, must be sustained for future generations. It is not just about us, today, the here and now. Long after us, this church must be here to serve those who will be in need then. One of our greatest contributions will be to leave a healthy church for future generations. This work we do today stretches way past us, long into the future. This investment serves today, but serves tomorrow as well.

Thank you to this church family for the many contributions to our communities in need. Thank you for the support and kindness you share with each other. Thank you for being people who give with a joyful heart.

God bless you all.

Learning to embrace change as we grow older

By Carol Horton

I want to share a thought with you with respect to the topic of church vision.

Twenty years ago I worked with a clergy friend from the Episcopal Diocese of Montana to form an area ministry in Southwest Montana from three rural Episcopal churches. The first thing my friend and mentor gave to me was this plastic pin.

What I learned from this little pin is that this is where vision/change meets its first road block in churches and, of course, other institutions and



situations. I learned that many parishioners are willing to die for this hill: “But we’ve always done it this way.”

I think that, as we grow older, we resist change. I know I do and look what Dave and I are doing (moving across the country)! I keep reminding myself that it takes a whole lot of faith and courage to face something new.

When I was doing my daily devotions, I found this wonderful quote by Neale Donald Walsch which speaks to change and vision:

“Yearning for a new way will not produce it. Only ending the old way can do that. You cannot hold onto the old all the while declaring you want something new. The old will defy the new; the old will deny the new; the old will decry the new. There is only one way to bring in the new. You must make room for it.”

I just love that quote!

Editor’s note: Carol and her husband have moved to Pennsylvania to be closer to family. We will miss her contributions to *The Dialogue*. We wish them well in their new home.

Congratulations to Karl Moeglein, new college graduate

Karl Moeglein, son of Carolyn Wetzel and Mark Moeglein, graduated in May from Syracuse University with a Bachelor's Degree in Broadcast and Digital Journalism. During his four years, he spent many hours gaining experience leading to producing programs at CitrusTV, the on-campus TV station; Z89, a student-run radio station; and WAER, the Syracuse NPR station.

Karl grew up in our church, and we have many fond memories of his participation as a child and teenager. As recently as last Christmas Eve, Karl was lay leader, so many of us have heard his wonderful "broadcast voice."

Karl has immersed himself in the media world during his college career. He hosted radio and TV, produced sporting events and sports talk shows, and ran the sound boards. He made his own shows and podcasts, sometimes one-man shows and sometimes together with a friend or larger team. He did sports updates on the Syracuse NPR station several times a week (which Carolyn could listen to from here!).

Karl is currently looking for jobs where he can continue his adventures in TV or radio production.

Good luck, Karl!



Proud mom, Carolyn with Karl, Katie, and Adam



Women's Book Club reading *The Exiles* in July

By Marcia Hunter

The Exiles by Christina Baker Kline is the July book for the Women's Book Club. We will meet at the home of Sue Sager (our first meeting in a home in a long time!) on Monday, July 26 at 7 p.m.

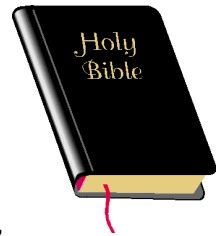
This is an engaging novel about three women in the 1840s who were powerless against the systems that took advantage of their poverty and low status. Two met on a repurposed slave ship destined for Australia, where they were sentenced for minor offenses. The third, of aboriginal descent, was an orphan sent to live with the governor's family and treated as a second-class citizen. Together,

they formed bonds of friendship and worked to rise above their circumstances.

Goodreads describes the novel thus: "In this gorgeous novel, Christina Baker Kline brilliantly recreates the beginnings of a new society in a beautiful and challenging land, telling the story of Australia from a fresh perspective, through the experiences of Evangeline, Hazel, and Mathinna. While life in Australia is punishing and often brutally unfair, it is also, for some, an opportunity: for redemption, for a new way of life, for unimagined freedom."

Please join us for an evening of conversation—and snacks.

Bible verses for this month



Psalms 18:1-29 David's song of victory

How I love you, Lord!
You are my defender.

The Lord is my protector;
he is my strong fortress.
My God is my protection,
and with him I am safe.
He protects me like a shield;
he defends me and keeps me safe.
I call to the Lord,
and he saves me from my enemies.
Praise the Lord!

The danger of death was all round me;
the waves of destruction rolled over me.
The danger of death was round me,
and the grave set its trap for me.
In my trouble I called to the Lord;
I called to my God for help.
In his temple he heard my voice;
he listened to my cry for help.

Then the earth trembled and shook;
the foundations of the mountains rocked and quivered,
because God was angry.
Smoke poured out of his nostrils,
a consuming flame and burning coals from his mouth.
He tore the sky apart and came down
with a dark cloud under his feet.
He flew swiftly on a winged creature;
he travelled on the wings of the wind.
He covered himself with darkness;
thick clouds, full of water, surrounded him.
Hailstones and flashes of fire
came from the lightning before him
and broke through the dark clouds.

Then the Lord thundered from the sky;
and the voice of the Most High was heard.
He shot his arrows and scattered his enemies;
with flashes of lightning he sent them running.

The floor of the ocean was laid bare,
and the foundations of the earth were
uncovered,
when you rebuked your enemies, Lord,
and roared at them in anger.

The Lord reached down from above and took hold of me;
he pulled me out of the deep waters.
He rescued me from my powerful enemies
and from all those who hate me—
they were too strong for me.
When I was in trouble, they attacked me,
but the Lord protected me.
He helped me out of danger;
he saved me because he was pleased with me.

The Lord rewards me because I do what is right;
he blesses me because I am innocent.
I have obeyed the law of the Lord;
I have not turned away from my God.
I have observed all his laws;
I have not disobeyed his commands.
He knows that I am faultless,
that I have kept myself from doing wrong.
And so he rewards me because I do what is right,
because he knows that I am innocent.

O Lord, you are faithful to those who are faithful to you;
completely good to those who are perfect.
You are pure to those who are pure,
but hostile to those who are wicked.
You save those who are humble,
but you humble those who are proud.

O Lord, you give me light;
you dispel my darkness.
You give me strength to attack my enemies
and power to overcome their defenses.

Submitted by Debbie Miller



From Saturday's HuffPost Environment Report:

Oregon lawmakers this week approved what's been described as the nation's most ambitious clean electricity standard, targeting 100% emissions-free power for the state by 2040. It now heads to the desk of Gov. Kate Brown, who is expected to sign it.

"Look at the temperatures expected this weekend, and ongoing and prolonged drought," Democratic state Rep. Pam Marsh, one of the bill's most vocal advocates, said on the House floor Friday, according to Oregon Public Broadcasting. "What I know when I look at that is if we fail to address the underlying conditions, we are just going to be back in this capitol, year after year, trying to help communities out of disastrous situations."

Here's the inside scoop on "100% Clean Energy" bill

Editor's note: Pam Marsh returned Saturday from Salem, after passing this landmark clean energy bill. I asked Barbara Marsh for some inside info, and this, from Pam's husband, is the result. Really interesting story. . . .

By Diarmuid McGuire

Oregon is cleaning up.

At the tip-of-the-tail end of this year's five-month legislative session last Friday and Saturday, Oregon lawmakers passed House Bill 2021, perhaps the most important measure that most Oregonians don't know about.

To be fair, no one told them. The advocates, legislators and co-conspirators behind "100% Clean Energy" did not seek attention. Rep. Pam Marsh, Chair of the House Energy & Environment Committee and a co-sponsor of HB 2021, deliberately flew the bill "under the radar." Given that environmental legislation had prompted Republicans to destroy

the two previous sessions, this seemed to be a sensible approach.

The genesis of HB 2021 was hidden in plain sight. Every committee meeting and floor session was posted for public view and live-streamed. While the media were looking elsewhere, Pam and her cohorts were processing the measure with all stakeholders, including power companies, environmentalists, the PUC, alternative energy providers and others.

As they met and negotiated week after week, almost always online, they held their collective breath, hoping that the forces of the Kochs and their Timber Unity minions would not be aroused. Blessedly, no log trucks appeared on the scene and no gun-toting conservative senators fled to Idaho.

Consequently Oregon succeeded in making what may be the most aggressive commitment to alternative electric power undertaken by any of our somewhat United States.

Oregon has been trailing behind California, New York and Quebec in addressing climate change for years, at least since 2006 when our neighbors to the south made their first move toward cap and trade. Now, at least in the energy sector (which accounts for 30% of greenhouse gas emissions statewide), Oregon has leaped forward.

Oregon has lots of work left to do in the form of creating new technologies, building renewable power generation facilities and, some people hope, upgrading the distribution grid to be more efficient and more resilient.

Jobs will be created, so 100% clean energy will boost our economy while it takes a bite out of global warming. By 2040, you should be able to turn on your lights or charge your car without contributing to heat waves and superstorms.

Now how about 100% clean transportation, or construction, or forestry? Dare we dream big?

Regular Sunday Schedule

8am Chapel Worship

10am Worship with Live Stream

11am Fellowship with Zoom available



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
				1	2	3	
4 Independence Day Birthday celebrations for the last year plus for our country	5 4th of July Holiday Office Closed	6	7 10am Bible Study	8	9 2:30pm Finance via Zoom	10	
		Susan on Vacation					
11	12	13 4pm B & G	14 10am Bible Study 5pm Deacons	15 6pm Session	16	17	
18 8am Service to re-start 11:30am-12:30pm Mental Health training program	19	20	21 10am Bible Study	22 Dialogue Entries Due	23	24	
25	26 7pm Women's Book Club	27	28	29	30	31	
Admin Building Weekly Schedule						Calvin Hall Weekly Schedule	
Alanon	Fireside Room	7pm-8:30pm	Mon	Lithia Springs Rotary	Calvin Hall	6:30am-8:30am	Tues
Alanon	Fireside Room	7pm-8:30pm	Fri	Realtors	Calvin Hall	9am-10am	Thurs
AA Crack of Dawn	Fireside Room	7am-8am	Mon-Sat	Ashland Rotary	Calvin Hall	11am-1:45pm	Thurs
AA Keep It Real	Fireside Room	8am-9am	Mon-Sat	Uncle Foods Diner	Calvin Hall Kitchen	10am-6pm	T, W, S, S
AA Morning Meeting	Fireside Room	9am-10am	Mon-Sat				
Children's World	Matthew 25 Room	8:30am-3:30pm	Mon-Fri				



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