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From the Pastor...

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Dear MPC Family,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I hope you are able to join us this Sunday, July 5th at 10:30AM for a very special worship service on Facebook Live. We will be joining together for worship with our brothers and sisters from the First Presbyterian Church of Skagway, Alaska, with whom we have partnered in mission for the past decade. Pastor Ryan Mandeville and I will be sharing God's Word, we'll have music from both communities, and also an opportunity to share in Communion together. Typically, this would be the week MPC would be sending a team of adults and teenagers to serve the community there. We lament that we were unable to do so this year due to the pandemic, but we also rejoice that online worship provides us an opportunity to come together as one body of Christ.

Earlier in June, I sent out a video update that outlined some recent decisions made by MPC leadership related to our reopening process. **On June 23rd, our Session voted to continue with online worship only at least through Sunday, August 30th.** Though Multnomah County is currently in Phase 1 (allowing for local gatherings of 25 or less), our COVID-19 Response team recommended to Session that we continue to worship online at least through the summer. The Response Team (Roy Magnusson, Davina Soumokil, Ray McKean, Barb Jones, Dennis Zerba, and myself) will continue to meet together this summer to determine how MPC can best implement policies and procedures to keep our community safe. The reopening process is incredibly complex, and we are taking a cautious approach for the love of our church family, our neighborhood, and our city.

This summer, our leadership is taking steps to open our facility for daily staff operations, as well as small groups gatherings of 15 or less. We have created a Facility Occupancy and Social Distancing Policy that provides guidance for small gatherings at MPC. These guidelines include social distancing, the wearing of face coverings, locations of meetings, and sanitizing surfaces. This policy will likely go into effect sometime in July, and when the time comes, we will share the policy with you in its entirety, so that we all have a clear understanding of how the church will operate this summer.

Church, I share all of these things with you with an incredibly heavy heart. I've spoken with many of you about the challenges of being the church from a distance. It's not easy. But I also share these things with you from a place of hope, for we have a hope in Jesus that is firm and unshakable. There is so much we can't see right now and so much we don't know, but we do know this: *"he who began a good work in [us] will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."*

Be of Good Courage and Know You Are Loved,

-Pastor Danny



Finance and Administration Update

2020 Financial Recap

	May 2020	Year to date 2020
Income	\$ 39,448	YTD Revenue \$159,167
Expenses	\$ <u>26,020</u>	<u>YTD Expense</u> \$151,594
Difference	\$ 13,428	YTD Net \$ 7,573

The Finance and Administration Mission Team did not meet in June but kept in touch via email. The good news is that despite all that is going on around us, your support for the mission of MPC has been unfailing. Due to your generosity combined with responsible management of the expenses, we are now ahead of budget by a few thousand dollars. A brief summary of the budget performance for the first 5 months of 2020 is provided above. For a more detailed report, please contact Darlene Higgenbottom.

We will continue to monitor the finances of the church carefully from a distance and we are working on securing the annual review of our financial processes in a safe way. We thank you for your faithfulness and support. It is at times like this when the presence of MPC and our demonstration of God's love become vital. Your giving supports the mission gifts that have been shared with our communities as well as the work ongoing to role model the concept of brotherly love.

May God Bless and Keep you,

Your Finance and Administration Committee



Missions Ministry

Happy Summer, MPC! The Mission Committee met the third week of June and voted to donate \$500 to Grace Kuto's organization Harambee Center for support and development in Chwele, Kenya. Kenya is currently facing three crises: the Covid-19 pandemic, catastrophic flooding, and the worst locust swarms in 70 years, which are decimating crops. We pray that God will use this money to make a difference to those affected.

The Mission Committee has also now donated a total of \$900 towards for rent and utility assistance for the residents of Stephen's Creek, which will be distributed by the Deacons on an as-needed basis. After speaking with the director at Stephen's Creek, we felt this would be the best way to help residents there who are currently struggling to pay their bills.





SPONSOR A STUDENT

GRAUER BACK-TO-SCHOOL PROJECT



Help a child start the school year with a smile!

The Grauer Back-to-School Project is a volunteer, non-profit cooperative partnership of faith-based organizations, social service agencies, and businesses created in 2002 to respond to the back-to-school needs of low-income children in Southwest Portland.

This year our goal is to provide over 600 students with new winter coats, shoes, tee-shirts, backpacks, school supplies and more.

Questions? Let us know by sending an email to thegrauerproject@gmail.com. Interested in volunteering at the event? Send an email to gravervol@gmail.com.

Help us reach our goal by sponsoring a student today! Your monetary donation will help us buy:

Academic Supplies

\$10	Backpack
\$5	Notebook
\$5	Pens/Pencils
\$5	Crayons
\$5	Scissors
\$5	Glue Sticks

Clothing

\$20	Pair of Shoes
\$20	Winter Coat
\$5	Underwear
\$5	Tee-Shirt
\$5	Socks

Sponsor a Student

\$55	Elementary Student
\$75	High School Student

HOW CAN I DONATE?

1

Enclose cash or check in a stamped envelope

2

Mail to the Grauer Back-to-School Project at 4595 SW California Street, Portland, OR 97219 by August 1



Session Update

At the May Session meeting (held via Zoom), Session:

- Authorized Danny to officiate communion virtually, during the 10:30 worship on Facebook Live until live-person gatherings resume, with parishioners providing their own elements in their own homes during the live streaming broadcast.
- Added our congregation, Multnomah Presbyterian Church, to “A Statement of Unity Regarding the Reopening of Churches in Oregon.”
- Established a COVID-19 Response Team for MPC consisting of Danny Peters, Roy Magnusson, Davina Soumokil, Ray McKean, Denis Zerba, and Barb Jones, and authorized the team to begin meeting, so they may recommend to Session how to safely and responsibly return to in-person gatherings and worship services.
- Approved sending \$2500 to the First Presbyterian Church of Skagway (from designated fund #352) to be used as they see fit to support the community.
- Adopted MPC Safety Policies and Procedures for Youth and Children effective May 27, 2020.

At the June meeting, held via Zoom, Session passed the following motions:

- Authorized Pastor Danny Peters to co-officiate communion virtually with Pastor Ryan Mandeville of Skagway, Alaska, during 10:30 worship on Facebook Live on July 5, 2020, with parishioners providing the own elements in their own homes during the live stream broadcast. MPC and First Pres. of Skagway will worship together, virtually, on July 5.
- Adopted the Facility Occupancy and Social Distancing Policy, effective when Phase 2 begins in Multnomah County and accepted the recommendations from the COVID-19 Response Team to continue Live Stream Worship only (no in-person worship) through August 30, 2020, and to comply with Multnomah County requirements for Phase 1 openings.
- Approved a donation of \$500 from Line Item 1326 (World Vision) to Chwele Mission for a special fundraiser in response to ongoing challenges in Kenya due to COVID-19/flooding/locusts.

Red and Rover





The preschool year wrapped up with drive-through ceremonies to honor all the kids. The Pre I kids had a drive-through in late May to celebrate their completion of Pre I and their promotion to the "big kids" class (Pre II). The Pre II kids had a drive-through in June to celebrate their graduation from Dove (pictures are from this ceremony) and their promotion to Kindergarten. The kids in both ceremonies were so happy, and it was good to provide all of them closure to the school year.



It also provided Teacher Teri an opportunity to say good-bye and to have some closure herself (she is moving to Boise).

Farewell, Teacher Teri! You will be missed by your students, their families, and by MPC!!

Dove hired a new Teacher Assistant, Katrina O'Hearn. Katrina and her family have been part of the Dove family for the last 8 years - her 3 girls graduated from Dove, and her son is currently attending. Katrina worked for Portland Public Schools as a Special Education Paraeducator for 7 years. She left to stay home to take care of her children. Katrina was a volunteer with Children's Ministry at Riversgate Church, and is now affiliated with Calvary Chapel SE. She lives with her husband, Kelly, and their four children in Milwaukie. I am very excited to have Katrina join Dove as a teacher. Please pray for her as she transitions to this role.



As with all schools, we don't know yet if Dove will start school in September. In the meantime, we are still taking registrations for the Pre I (3-year-old) class for the fall. If you know anyone who might be looking for a preschool, please have them check out our website, www.dovepreschool.com or contact us at dovechristianpreschool@gmail.com. Thank you for continued prayers for Dove and its children and families.



Prayer



Prayer Night

You're invited to call the church with any prayer requests you have and they will be forwarded on to the Prayer Team who is continuing to meet via video media each Tuesday evening.

**Please keep those who
can't make it to church
each Sunday in your
prayers:**

Mary Jean Baumhofer
Eleanor Caufield
Ron Hendricks
Nancy & Chuck Hill

Faye Quinn
Maxine Shuler
Evva Swan

Deacon News for You

Greetings from your Deacons

We met on Zoom June 14th for an informative meeting.

The Deacons are planning a church-wide opportunity to gather non-perishable food items for Neighborhood House on SUNDAY, JULY 12TH from 12:00-2:00pm. (No refrigerated or frozen foods accepted.) Your Deacons will drop these off Monday, July 13th at 10:00 am.

Please notify the church 503-246-5459 if you, or someone you know, may need financial/food assistance. Also, contact the church if you are having technology issues seeing our Sunday services.

Until we see each other, let us remember Matthew 19:26 "WITH GOD EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE."

Praying for you,
Nancy Trullinger - 503-245-4388
Robyn Biehler - 503-351-4780



Presbyterian Women

We hope all of you are staying well and connecting with each other. Thanks go out to our church staff for all they are doing during this difficult time. Danny, Heather, Ray and other musicians are all doing a wonderful job on the Sunday broadcast. Thank you to the elders and others who have participated in the Bible reading. It's great seeing the photos of the animals, children and others from our congregation. Keep wearing your masks, keeping your distance, and washing your hands. Keep reaching out to each other and praying for each other. We look forward to the time we can be together again.





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**July Birthdays**

- 2 Evva Swan
- 10 Judah Haynes
- 11 Denise Gannett
Doug Gannett
- 12 Janet Jones
Stuart Jones
- 13 Russel Haynes
- 15 Libby Agosti
- 16 Mikel Donner
Randy McCourt
- 19 Micah Haynes
Silas Haynes
Emily Nackley
- 21 Claudia Zerba
- 26 Maddy Tomastik
Spencer Magnusson
- 28 Judi Graeper
- 29 Kathleen Loomis

August Birthdays

- 1 Sibyl Barnum
- 2 Helen Lissner
- 3 John Dilworth
Roy Magnusson
- 7 Darren Megarry
Tim Bernasek
- 10 Thomas Bernasek
Steve Hendricks
- 11 Margie Enzor
- 12 Chandra Farrell
- 13 Teri Bertell
- 17 Val Hellman
- 19 Jan Hawthorne
Louise Hood
- 21 Duane Deal
- 25 Trent Lissner
Grant Wheeler
Rick Soumokil
- 26 Lukas Aberle
- 28 Eddie Kuehnel
- 30 Ethan Morehouse

ATTENTION PARENTS AND GRADUATES:

We would like to honor all our high school and college graduates in our next newsletter (September), and in our worship services too.

Please submit your high school or college graduate's picture, where they graduated from, and what they're next steps are, to the office by August 10, 2020.

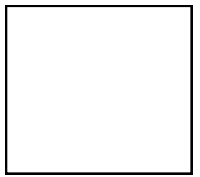
Congratulations, dear graduates. We are incredibly proud of you!!





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Our Mission Statement:
Loved by Christ, we love. Served by Christ, we serve.
Invited by Christ, we go, inviting others to Him.

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