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From the Pastor...

July/August 2021

Dear MPC Family,

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on some upcoming changes to our in-person worship services. Before I do that, I want to express my gratitude to all of those who are giving of their time and talent to enrich the worship life of MPC: our praise team, hospitality team, ushers, AV & sound volunteers...what a blessing all of you are to us! In a recent sermon, I reflected on the biblical teaching around spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12-14) and how critical it is for all of us to use our gifts to build up the body of Christ. This is a critical season for MPC, and we need the gifts of the whole community if we're going to be the church God is calling us to be.

The following guidelines for gathered worship will go into effect on **Sunday, July 4th**. We will continue our current worship schedule: 9:00am in person, 10:30am on Zoom until further notice.

- **Masks will be optional**, though we continue to recommend masks for those who are unvaccinated.
- There will be no requirement to keep social distance, and we will be able to resume fellowship time indoors following the worship service.
- **We will resume congregational singing** in gathered worship.
- **Communion will be served in-person on the first Sunday of each month**. At this time, we will use prepackaged communion cups.

These are very exciting developments! Again, we encourage the MPC family to continue to engage in worship in whatever way suits you, whether it be in-person or online.

With Joy in Being Your Pastor,
-Danny



UPCOMING SUNDAY MESSAGES

July Sermon Series: *"July in the Book of Jonah"*

Sunday, July 4: Jonah 1:1-16

Sunday, July 11th: Jonah 1:17-2:10

Sunday, July 18th: Jonah 3

Sunday, July 25th: Jonah 4

Sunday, August 1st: Special Message from Mission Partners John & Sylvia Dilworth

Sunday, August 8th: Special Message from our Alaska Mission Team



Finance and Administration Update

F&A Committee met on June 15, 2021 to review the financial reports and discuss a number of agenda items as outlined below. Budget performance through May is as follows.

	<u>This Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Income	\$ 31,875	\$ 135,228
Expenses	\$ 28,536	\$ 150,575
Net	\$ 3,339	\$ (15,347)

Giving is off from last year by \$21,774 dollars. This is not unexpected given the impact that the pandemic has had on so many financially. Fortunately, spending is below budget. As it turns out, a number of expenses are “front loaded” each year and so the typical pattern of budget performance is to catch up to budget later in the year. F&A did not recommend any actions to adjust spending at this time. We do encourage everyone to send in pledged offerings monthly so we can plan with confidence.

The Annual Review of our financial records and practices was conducted at the end of May. The report was complimentary of the work done by our treasurer Darlene Higgenbottom. There were no recommendations this year. Special thanks to Janet and Kathy for sharing their expertise and time conducting the review.

We also discussed a proposal from the Personnel Committee to provide financial support for continuing education relating to our Marimba program. We approved funding for a conference this summer.

We continue to track and support the work of the Worship Committee in developing technical plans to implement on line worship as outreach in the future.

Finally, we want to express our gratitude to all of you who have remained so faithful during this season of isolation and illness. It is wonderful to be able to gather together while still providing on line services to those who cannot attend in person. We look forward to a bright summer and 2021-2022 year.

May God Bless and Keep You,
Your Finance and Administration Committee





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 their stated meeting held June 22, Session:

- Authorized the resumption of in-person Communion during Sunday worship, beginning July 4, 2021. The elements will be prepackaged and available for pickup as attendees enter the church.
- Authorized the resumption of congregational singing in Sunday worship, beginning the first Sunday after Oregon's governor lifts the mask mandate.
- Approved the following mask guidance for Sunday worship and all in-person activities at MPC, beginning the first Sunday after Oregon's Governor lifts the mask mandate: face masks will be optional, although it is recommended that unvaccinated individuals continue to wear a mask.
- Approved revisions to the Deacon Assistance Fund Policy.
- Approved a Continuing Education expense for Amy McKean in the amount of \$800 from the General Fund.
- Approved the revisions to MPC Facility Use Policy.

Quilters



Church Office to Re-open

Beginning July 1st, the MPC Office will be open for normal operations, according to the CDC guidelines.

Tues. - Thurs. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Fri. 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

We are meeting again!! CHANGE OF SCHEDULE FOR TIME!!

We are meeting on Mondays from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. We are so far behind that the plans are to meet throughout the summer. If you can come and help even once a month, that would be great!!! We gather in the downstairs meeting room.

CARES NW have been so happy with our recent quilts. They stated that the uniqueness of each quilt is such a blessing to their program. They have had fewer referrals to their program during the Pandemic. The majority of referrals are from teachers who are able to suspect abuse when face-to-face with students. It is difficult to do online.

We are approaching 3,000 quilts made for this wonderful service for children.

We would love to have you join us. We only require that you be vaccinated and that you are willing to help out this worthy mission!!

Submitted by Priscilla Downing





July Birthdays

- 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
- 26 Lukas Aberle
- 28 Eddie Kuehnle
- 30 Ethan Morehouse



MPC Baby News

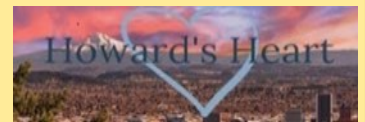
Congratulations to Camille and Matthew Unrath, son and daughter-in-law of Nancy and Mark Unrath, on the birth of their baby girl, Iris Helen Yuriko Unrath on June 16, 2021. Camille and Matthew live in the Seattle area.

God's blessings upon Iris!

Missions Ministry

Happy Summer, MPC!

Thank you so much for your generous



donation of hygiene items for teens in foster care! We collected nearly 60 items (exceeding our goal!) that were delivered to Howard's Heart on June 22nd. Foster kids are able to make requests and Howard's Heart does what it can to match them with what they need. Next time you are at Lloyd Center, you can peek in at their facility across from the Foot Locker.

Please stay tuned to the weekly Bulletin for projects coming up later in the summer!



Prayer



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

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

Maxine Shuler

Deacon News for You

Your Deacons met on Sunday, June 20th on Zoom. We spent time discussing the updates for the Policies and Procedures for your Deacons Assistance Team. We will now wait for further direction from Session.

Since we will not be meeting until August, we thought our Church Family would like a **Neighborhood House** update in case you'd like to make donations.

Currently they are in **need** of: dry and canned beans, canned vegetables, canned soups, canned meats, pasta and pasta sauce, cereal, basic hygiene items.

Their hours are: M & W - 9 am-4 pm, Tues 9 am -12 noon, Thurs 9 am - 5 pm.

Address: 3445 SW Moss St (Multnomah Village)
If you wish to make a CASH donation, please go their website nhpdx.org

Phone number - 503-246-1663

Please remember if you need ANY assistance to call your Deacon and/or the church office 503-246-5459. We are here for you and pray that you have a safe and memorable summer.

We close with a verse from Romans 15:13 "MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU TRUST IN HIM."

Co-Moderator Robyn Biehler - 503-351-4780
Co-Moderator Janet Lowrey - 503-347-9967

In Memoriam

It's with great sadness that we announce the recent passing of Mr. Bill Hamilton, and his wife of 45 years, Barbara Hamilton. Bill and Barbara are the father and stepmother of Kate Eyberg. They always liked to join us for Wednesday at the Well. Please keep Kate and her family in your prayers.

Presbyterian Women

Dear PW Women,

We're now into summer with temperatures to match! Even though we will not be meeting this summer, we can see each other at the early Sunday service. Have a wonderful July and August and maybe we can begin meeting in the fall. Hopefully we can start Bunco up again soon.

Blessings to all of you!





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SUMMER YOUTH GROUP

Thursday nights 7-8:30 for middle and high school youth, we are outdoors and asking everyone to wear a mask until all of our students have a chance to be fully vaccinated. There will be no Youth Group July 29, or August 5th while Spencer and Heather are with the Alaska team in Skagway.



FAMILY GAME NIGHTS



Weather permitting we will have a game night outside for our families with children to gather and spend time together. We will have lawn games and water toys available. Sunday, July 18 and Saturday, August 21, 5:00-7:00 pm.

ALASKA MISSION

We are so excited to be returning to Skagway this summer with a small team of vaccinated leaders and college students. Due to the pandemic, it will have been two years since the last time we were able to be present in the community. During that time they felt the pain of isolation acutely as they were cut off from entering the nearest drivable town which is in Canada and ferry and air service were limited. First Presbyterian Church of Skagway members donated air miles and funds to help get our team of five there this summer. They value the relationship God has built between our churches and want to see outreach happen to the children and teens in their community. The city values the work we do there too and has allowed us to use the outdoor Arts Center space so that we can maintain Covid Safety protocols. We will be doing youth group programs as well as a very modified VBS while we are there. We would appreciate you partnering in prayer with us for this trip as we reconnect, rebuild relationships, help kids and teens work through the trauma of the pandemic and do the work of our usual 20 team members with just 5. The trip is July 28-August 8th. We will be recording a special message and update while we are in Alaska that will be shown during In-Person and virtual worship on July 8th.





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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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