



Presbyter for Vision and Mission Rev Brian Heron visits



Walt helps Diana get started planting



Community Garden Planting Day ceremony with David Morelli



September Sunflowers, photo by McKenzie Samson

2018 Annual Report

First Presbyterian Church of Woodburn



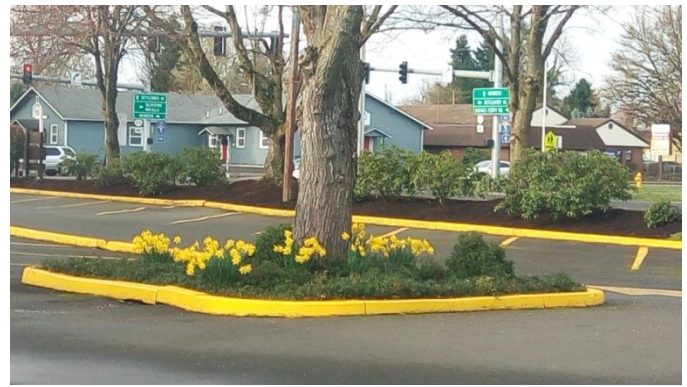
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February 3, 2018

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Daffodils



Debra Huddleston, Cynthia and Michael O'Brien



Mural by David Huddleston

Clerk of Session

The session held eleven stated monthly meetings and two special meetings. In addition, there were one annual congregational meeting and two special congregational meetings held for the purpose of electing elders.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper: The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was served twelve times during the year.

Session members by class as of January 1, 2019

Class of 2019

Walter Mangerich
Julie Moore
Nancy Piper

Class of 2020

Sally Klein
Johanna Samson
Paula Wolcott

Class of 2021

Mike Hachquet
Bonnie Hankins
Lucien Klein



1,304 pounds of produce was given to the Food Bank

Sunday worship was delightful with the beautiful flowers provided by Johanna and Fran; the choir's offerings of psalms and anthems; our thoughtful lay readers, a loving and attentive congregation, and a bountiful reception or luncheon after each service. I preached mostly from texts designated by the Revised Common Lectionary. Sometimes I played guitar or harp, or burst into song during the sermon. We had a Christmas Eve service at 4 pm that was well attended, celebrating the 200th anniversary of "Silent Night" where Debi and I sang a duet in German and I played guitar.

Working with Debi was a musical joy. The best attended services were the Christmas Cantata and the days when she invited special guest musicians. She also brought us happiness with her fanciful and colorful drawings and cards. We had a "Doodle With Debi" event after church.

Guest preachers included Paul Belz-Templeman, Melinda Smith, David Morelli, Brett Webb-Mitchell, Curt Jones and Bill Park. Curt and Bill brought their entire congregation with them.

It was a privilege to officiate the memorial service for Julie's beloved father, Charley Moore.

Linda Stokem consistently provided dedicated volunteer service in the office on Wednesdays, and it was a pleasure to work with her.

I established relationships with all our tenants, securing an increase in the contributions of Meals on Wheels, Iglesia Puerta del Cielo, and Head Start, and continuing the parking lot contract with the School District. I played music many times for the three preschool classes and took the teachers out for coffee. I rode along on a Meals on Wheels route and played piano for a Meals on Wheels volunteer lunch.

I attended worship at Iglesia Puerta del Cielo and met several times with our main contact person, worship leader Jaime Gonzalez. He was very helpful in painting the bathrooms, hanging Christmas lights and cooperating on building maintenance.

Johanna Samson and I visited and took communion to homebound members every month.

There was no newsletter after Dave Haugh moved to Lincoln City. I wrote and distributed newsletters in October, November and December, and posted on social media in various Woodburn area Facebook groups.

After church on many Sundays, I participated in a Bible study where we reviewed the day's sermon and looked forward to next week's text.

I moderated the Session, carried out weekly church administration, and worked with Walt to run an effective Stewardship campaign.

In the community, I visited Kiwanis and Rotary. The church joined the Chamber of Commerce, and I attended some Friday morning Greeters meetings. I went around town introducing myself to community leaders including the newspaper editor and publisher, the funeral director, Woodburn Art Center, Heartwood Memory Care, and the principals of French Prairie, Nellie Muir and the Woodburn High Schools. I regularly attended the Woodburn Area Ministerial Association.

I met with the directors of LOVE INC. When they needed a place to house the Personal Care Products ministry, I worked with Beth Matthews and Mark Sterling to create a storage and service area in the room behind the fireplace, and Marcy Sterling stepped up to staff it every Friday afternoon.

Our community garden started up again this year after three years without. My role was to bring people together and promote it in the community. We had a planting kickoff ceremony on a Saturday in May and a congregational celebration in August. Ian Niktab helped us connect to resources, and Linda Johnston brilliantly led the effort all spring, summer and fall, resulting in over 1,000 pounds of high quality produce donated to the food bank. I developed a good working relationship with Randi Garcia, counselor and Key Club advisor at AIS.

My Presbytery service included serving on the New Ministries Team, being a presbytery representative for the new congregation Community of Pilgrims, and heading up a team to determine the future of the building of the former Presbyterian Church of Laurelhurst. We also hosted the Presbytery Nominating Committee in our church Library.

This year was I was trained as a certified moderator with the nonprofit organization Better Angels. I attended their founding convention in Virginia in June. I gave presentations at Kiwanis and Rotary on civility in political discourse and started offering free community workshops on talking across the political divide.

Of my two weeks allotted for continuing education, one was a week of personal study, and the other week was carried over to 2019.

It has been a joy to be part of First Presbyterian Church of Woodburn!

Peace and love,
Cynthia O'Brien

Music Director

It was another stellar year of music making here at First Presbyterian Church of Woodburn! The choir is as dedicated as ever, and are thankfully very flexible. It's amazing the sound we get from a small choir: they sing from the heart.

We did our annual trek to Aurora for Maundy Thursday, sang for Charlie Moore's funeral in September, and had a very special Christmas celebration both on Sunday the 23rd (Sopranos, harp, flute) and on Christmas eve (guest soprano, Cynthia on guitar), with a special rendition of the original Silent Night, in German, to commemorate it's 200th anniversary.

Over the summer we were blessed with many guest musicians again: Brenda (mezzo, Joanne's daughter), Jackie Morelli (for our famous duets!), Silvertones, Sierra (flute), Cynthia and Laurel O'Brien (harp), Kurleen Nowickas (soprano), Rebekkah Hanson (viola), Berta Aronson (mezzo), Patty Cardona (flute), Salem Madrigal Singers, Harmonious (3 sisters who sang, played piano, flute, violin, and drum), Abigail Sperling (flute). They all love coming here for the acoustics and the warm welcome you give them. Thank you for that.

I took only one Sunday off when I had performances in Newport and Corvallis back to back. Honey Wilson subbed.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Huddleston
Director of Music

Worship

The duties of the Worship Committee are as follows:

- . To provide supplies and see that communion is prepared and served the first Sunday of the month.
- . To have lay readers, greeters/ushers in place every Sunday and to secure pulpit supply pastors as needed.

To see that memorial poinsettias, palms for Palm Sunday, and Easter lilies are made available.

To see that the liturgical colors and banners are in place at appropriate time of year

An average of 32 people were served communion in 2018.

For Palm Sunday, palms were ordered from our local Safeway.

Easter lilies were ordered from Bauman Farms.

Poinsettias were ordered from Fessler Nursery.

On Sunday, December 23, we had a Christmas Cantata: Favorite Carols with Kurleen Nowickas and harpist Bonnie Hodge. 58 were in attendance.

48 people attended a candle light Christmas Eve service at 4:00 P.M. The service included lessons and international carols and the 200th anniversary of *Silent Night*.

Members that helped with worship this year include the following: Fran Welch and Johanna Samson for providing flowers weekly for the sanctuary, McKenzie Samson for taking care of the Liturgical colors and the sound system, and Mark Sterling for driving the van or car, helping with the sound system, and putting up banners when needed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sally Klein

Community Garden

Plans to restart the community garden project began in March of 2018 with church and community representatives. We also partnered with Marion Polk Food Share. A date was set for the initial layout and planting on May 19. Then possible participants were contacted. Initially, two groups from Woodburn High. School expressed interest. The WEBBS National Honor Society and AIS Key Club members joined together with church and community members to begin this promising endeavor. The garden included tomatoes, peppers and also peonies donated by Oregon Perennial.

In June we began weeding, watering and more planting of seeds and plants. While weeding can be tedious we watched as some plants grew closer to harvest and seeds started popping through the ground. Lots of lessons were learned about how to grow flowers and vegetables.

By July we were ready for our first harvest. Leaf lettuce and zucchini in yellow and green in the amount of 11 pounds for AWARE Food Bank was delivered. Each week on Monday we harvested and delivered fresh produce. As July grew warmer we harvested produce 2-3 times a week. By the end of July we had contributed 212 pounds of produce to the food bank.

Through August the group helping in the garden shifted as students and adults had vacations and classes. Watering, weeding, and harvesting continued. The garden was providing lots of produce for the fix bank. The total for the month of August came to 564 pounds. We also had flowers blooming to brighten the garden. Plans began to form for a celebration of the garden to be held in September.

First Presbyterian Church celebrated the bounty of the garden on Sunday, September 9 inviting participants to a hot dog and hamburger potluck. There was about 80 pounds of fresh herbs and produce available for church folks and others to take home and enjoy. Tours of the garden were available to enjoy the color and produce. Some enjoyed ground cherries for the first time. Head Start students returned to class and took walks into the garden - mostly to be awed by the sunflowers. Through September students came after school weeded and planted flower bulbs.

In October the tomato and pepper crop boomed. Just over 220 pounds of fresh produce was delivered to the food bank. The garden was beginning to go dormant and a freeze was about to close things down completely.

The last of the tomatoes and peppers along with some little pumpkins were delivered in November. The produce total for the season was 1,304 pounds. A debrief of the garden season project brought about some ideas for what to do for the coming season. Plans for a food forest on the north side of the garden are underway. The fruit trees will be planted to replace those to be removed. Possible mini-classes were proposed using fresh produce and herbs from the garden.

During December, five trees were removed, one for safety and four to open up the center of the garden.

Faithfully submitted,
Linda Johnston
Garden Coordinator 2019

Congregational Life

Congregational Life sees to meals and special events during the year. This could be meals after church or receptions for special events -- pretty much anything to do with the kitchen.

Every Sunday we have a coffee fellowship time with coffee and cookies and many times other treats. Johanna Samson is instrumental in setting up the table and bringing most of the treats. Thanks to all who help provide treats anytime.

First Sunday of every month we will have a meal after church. Mostly we serve three or four soups but during the summer we serve salads. Thanks to the many who help provide soups or salads for these meals.

Every September we will have a picnic. This year with the community garden so prolific there were many fresh vegetables available. Barbecue hamburgers and hotdogs with all the trimmings. Doesn't matter the weather; we usually eat inside.

If anyone would like to help bring treats for coffee hour, soup or salad, then please let Johanna or Julie know.

Julie Moore

Mission

Woodburn First Presbyterian Church has a rich tradition of supporting mission in our community and as a member of our larger denomination. This year we answered a call from our community to partner with Love Inc., as home for their Personal and Home Care Ministry. Love Inc approached us mid-year with a need of space and a willing congregation to run and fund this ministry. A decision was made that we could take this on. We cleared space in the store room and Mark

Sterling had shelves up without asking twice. Even though we are a small congregation and this is a popular ministry, I believed and still believe that of all the gifts God has given this congregation this was a ministry we could manage. I believe we have gotten off to a good start so far this year.

We are part of a network of churches working with Love Inc. who minister to those in need. As explained in their client care policies, "Our ultimate goal is to show Christ's love to them." A simple mandate to accomplish faithful outreach with heartfelt impact.

Personal and Home Care Ministry include common everyday items of cleaning supplies and personal care supplies. Everything from laundry detergent to toothpaste. Items that people in need often go without because they have a limited income and rely on assistance to get by, so their money is for food. Families that find themselves in need use what money they have for essentials. The people we help are ecstatic to get tooth paste or band aids or shampoo. They sign up through Love Inc. to come through our Ministry twice a year. Currently we are serving about 20 families a month. We are able to buy items at minimal cost at the Dollar Store. Plus, Love Inc. includes our ministry in their budget, monies for them to give us product too. As a small congregation financing this ministry is a challenge but achievable. Thank you for your support.

This has been a year of learning. God has shown me time and again that as much as everyday items are important, the most important reason for this ministry is that we embrace people in need. Literally a tearful hug is very meaningful. We want them to know they are not alone, that in fact they have value and we do care.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcy Sterling

Outreach

Outreach is pretty much what it says. We keep information out there to all about our church like through our directory, Facebook and our website. Outreach works towards keeping the directory up to date. Linda Stokum has been helping making updates as they come in. Please let Linda know if there are changes. There is also work on the website to keep our programs and special events up to date.

One event coming up on February 8, 2019 is Chamber Greeters. We will be hosting Greeters at Woodburn First Presbyterian Church. Greeters is a way for members of the Chamber of Commerce to meet and greet once a week at different businesses. The Church is a member of the Chamber. Greeters are most Friday mornings from 7:30 to 9:00 AM. We will be providing coffee, fruit and donuts or muffins when it is our turn. This is a great outreach project for us because we will be able to talk about programs and events that are available at our church.

One of the projects for Outreach is the labyrinth. If you didn't know we have a labyrinth it is located just north of the community garden in the grove of poplar trees. The labyrinth needs some TLC. This spring we hope to clean it up and remark the pathways so it can be used again. We worked on it a few years ago but we have not been able to maintain it as well as it should be. If you are interested in helping please let Julie Moore know.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Moore

Building and Grounds

The year 2018 was a year of improvements and new activities. The old roof has been a problem for some time. We undertook major repairs to the roof above and to the ceilings in the kitchen and Sanctuary. With the exceptions of two small leaks we are doing well. It is challenging considering the age and condition of the roof. Both are being addressed by Georg, the repair man. The solution is to eventually replace it, since it is over 25 years old. We continue to address items like fixing stove tops, oven doors, front door latches that do not work right toilets that need care, patching concrete and cleaning gutters.

On our grounds we have reincarnated the garden. In conjunction with High schoolers and several church members, we produced over 1500 pounds of food for the food bank. Quite an accomplishment considering we did not have a garden last year. Thank you Linda.

The agreement made with the Hispanic church for them to maintain the beds inside the courtyard and around the building as part of their rent is working remarkably well. They do excellent landscaping maintenance.

Objective for 2019 will include the redo of the lights in the sanctuary and replace the ovens in the kitchen. To produce more food for the food bank, improve the garden and redo the labyrinth. I am certain there will be others.

Walt Mangerich

Support and Endowment

The Support and Endowment Plan consists of the Support Fund and the Endowment Fund. The Support and Endowment Management Committee is made up of two members from the Session, one of whom is chairman, and three at large members. In addition, a Treasurer is appointed by the committee from outside its membership, who is an ex-officio member of the committee.

Endowment Fund income may be used for special needs and programs within the Church and/or community, mission causes approved by Session, and such other purposes as are designated by a donor to the fund. Endowment income may not be used for the support of the Church budget unless a donor specifically directs.

Support Fund is disbursed for special needs and opportunities within the Church which are beyond the Church budget. One-half of Support Fund money received since July 15, 2001 must be allocated to a capital improvement fund.

Walt Mangerich, Treasurer

Iglesia de Dios de la Profecia Puerta del Cielo

Iglesia Puerta del Cielo (Door of Heaven Church) has worshiped here since 2003. We are a congregation of the Church of God of Prophecy organized under this name in 2013. Previously we were known as Iglesia Bethel. Our pastor since 2016 is Pastor Mario Sanchez. With his wife, Guadalupe, he is also the pastor of Iglesia Conexión de Vida in Salem. Worship is led by vocalist

and keyboardist Jaime Gonzalez since 2003. He is joined by Veronica on drums and three singers. Cecilia leads a group of dancers during the worship songs. On Mondays, 12 to 14 of us met for prayer at 7:00 p.m. On Thursdays, we had music rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. On Fridays, about 20 people met for worship at 7:00 p.m. On Sundays, about 40 people met for worship at 3:00 p.m. Our agreement with First Presbyterian Church includes taking care of the exterior landscaping and cleanup.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jaime Gonzalez

Meals on Wheels and Woodburn Senior Meals

The Senior Nutrition Program of the NorthWest Senior & Disability Program (NWSDS) operates nine meal sites serving Marion, Polk and Yamhill counties. The program at First Presbyterian Church is run by Nutrition Site Coordinator, Beth Balaban Mathews. Hot meals are delivered by volunteers to approximately 85 seniors from the First Presbyterian Church kitchen every day, Monday through Thursday. Frozen meals for the weekend are delivered every Thursday by volunteers. Meals are planned to provide one third of the Adult Daily Recommended Allowance (RDA) while at the same time offering variety in color, consistency and taste. The program also provides a setting for fellowship and socializing. Each day five or more seniors eat here in our dining room.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Balaban Mathews

Head Start

Community Action Head Start is part of the Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency. We serve Marion and Polk Counties with Head Start pre-school and Early Head Start infant/toddler educational services. We have been onsite in Woodburn at the church since 1991. This year we are serving 37 pre-school children in our modular building in a part-day class (morning or afternoon, 4 days per week, 3.5 hours per day), and 20 children in the classroom inside the church 4 days per week, 6.5 hours per day. Services we provide to our families include education, nutrition, transportation, health, mental health, disabilities and family services. To be eligible for Head Start a family must be low income. We do not ask for proof of legal immigration status. Children in our Woodburn classes are ages 3 – 5, and our goal is to have them leave our program ready for kindergarten – academically and social-emotionally.

Respectfully submitted,
Eva Pignotti
Head Start & Early Head Start Director, Community Action Head Start of Marion & Polk Counties