

Woodburn First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

Spring 2024

Holy Week

Rev. Cynthia O'Brien preaching at all services

Sunday, March 24 at 11:30 AM Palm Sunday worship with the reading of the Passion story
Thursday, March 28 at 7 PM Maundy Thursday service with communion and combined choirs at Aurora Presbyterian Church

Easter Sunday, March 31, 7 AM Sunrise Service at Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm, Rev. Cynthia O'Brien preaching
9:30 - 11 AM Easter Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
11:30 AM Easter Worship



Marilyn Ploughman, Isa Larkin, Kathy Figley & Pat Lawson

New members to join church March 31. Please welcome our new members, who will meet with the Session March 26 and join the church on Easter.

Roof Update From Mike Hachquet: The roof is 99.9% done. The roof is completely sealed and should have no leaks. There are two cosmetic items left—we are waiting for parts. There were 10-12 plywood boards that needed to be replaced. There was also a piece of the building that needed new wallboard.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering—75 years of hope

In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression, millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity.

The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People—all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Every year around Easter, we receive an offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. Please use the OGHS envelopes for your contribution, or write OGHS on the memo line.



New Elders Ordained and Installed

Following their unanimous election by the congregation, elders Joanne Hanson and Walt Mangerich were installed to serve a three year term on the Session. Joyce Griffiths was ordained as an elder and installed as well for the class of 2026. Our thanks to Walt for taking a second term in a row.

Thanks also to Paula Wolcott who served six years consecutively, and to Kathy Erion who served three years.



Joanne Hanson, Rev. Cynthia O'Brien, Joyce Griffiths, & Walt Mangerich



Top row (L-R) Joanne Hanson, Marcy Sterling, Johanna Samson, & Rev. Cynthia O'Brien

Bottom row (L-R) Walt Mangerich, Mike Hachquet, Joyce Griffiths, Julie Moore, Vickie Gonzales, & Mark Sterling



Johanna visits Roberta Campbell, 95, at Country Meadows, March 2024

The next Session meetings are the following Tuesdays at 6 PM: March 26, April 23 and May 21.

May 5—Guest Preacher Rev. David Morelli
Communion and Cinco de May Lunch after Worship!

Thank you Dennis Griffiths!

In January, Dennis began a Sunday morning class “Chronology of the New Testament” in the Fireside Room. As word got out the class grew to 12 or 13. Each week, Dennis walked us through the New Testament in the order it was written. The first thing many of us learned is that the books of the NT weren’t written in the order they are presented in the Bible. He gave us additional information on the authors and the audience to whom the books were originally written. Dennis is a true scholar and his presentations have been a joy of learning to all!



New Adult Class – “Reading for Inspiration” with the Rev. Dr. Kathleen Erion starts April 14



Having had a very successful new Sunday morning adult class led by Dennis Griffiths (Great job, Dennis!) for the last couple of months, we will start a new series in April with the Rev. Dr. Kathleen Erion. Kathy brings both heart and expertise to the topic of reading the Bible for spiritual growth.

“A desire of mine,” writes Kathy, “is to have the Bible touch me as it did years ago when I first fell in love with it and knew next to nothing about scholarly criticism. I’ve studied it every which way to Sunday, but now I want to read it again to hear the underlying voice of God. I want to grow in faith and spirit and be confronted by The Eternal. During the Sundays from April 14 to May 26, I invite you to join me in learning how to responsibly read the Bible for inspiration and spiritual growth. All you’ll need is a Bible and a desire to be touched by the Spirit of God.”

The class is every Sunday morning from 10:30 to 11:15 AM in the Fireside Room with coffee.

“Wealth of Your Life” seminar with Rob Hagan on May 19

What you learned is as important as what you have earned. We all know in which a will can pass on our tangible assets. Wills can help us focus our priorities on what passions we want to support after our lifetimes. But how can you communicate your intangible wealth? The intangible wealth is what you have learned through your life about faith, family, values, and commitment.

An Ethical Will helps one form a construct where these important values can be communicated to one’s family or church. The “Wealth of Your Life” seminar will help one start thinking of an ethical will as well as how to tangibly demonstrate our values in the future. Free materials will be available to take home.

Please come and join us Sunday, May 19, 2024, at 12:30 PM at First Presbyterian Church of Woodburn in the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. Friends and family are welcome. The seminar will be led by Pastor Rob Hagan, Ministry Relations Officer for the Northwest Region for the Presbyterian Foundation.

Learn about the Enneagram Saturday, May 18

Consider joining Cynthia and Michael O’Brien in a day-long retreat on the Enneagram in Albany, Oregon on Saturday, May 18. Led by Rev. Dr. Sarah Sanderson Doughty, this retreat will introduce a personality profiling system that helps us better understand our deepest commitments, how we see the world, and how we can relate to one another more generously and faithfully. For more information, or to register, see the church weekly email or contact Rev. Cynthia at 503-962-9186.

SAVE THE DATE

Knowing Ourselves:
An Introduction to the Enneagram
with Rev. Dr. Sarah Sanderson Doughty

Gather with Presbyterians from across the region to learn about the enneagram and how it can enrich your personal relationships as well as relationships within your church family.



May 18, 2024
9-4pm
United Presbyterian Albany
\$25 early bird registration fee
lunch is included





Rev. Cynthia, Rev. Rob Hagan, and Lucien Klein.

Garden Notes from Andy and Heather Brophy

This newsletter has been edited from its original content. To see the full newsletter and Andy's photos, visit our website at <http://www.firstpreswoodburn.org/community-garden/>

WELCOME SPRING

March has arrived with a ROAR, lots of cold, wet weather in the forecast but our hardy plants are showing signs of coming out of their winter dormancy – buds are swelling on the fruit trees and raspberry vines, the garlic greens are getting taller and we've got color popping up in and around the flower beds (some we weren't aware of last Fall). Hard to believe but we'll also be needing to turn the water back on by the end of the month, too.

Over the winter, we've been working on tool maintenance, planting plans and budgeting of some needed infrastructure improvements to allow expansion of last years efforts, thus providing an increased produce yield to the Food Bank. Once the weather begins to clear, these improvements will be able. *I could use some help in cleaning up downed tree limbs for either burning or chipping; distribution of the surplus sand/wood chips from the preschool playground and parking lot around the outside of the garden as well as assembly of some new growing beds using re-tasked metal from the re-roofing project in the next couple of months. In the meantime, we'll keep working on existing projects between rain storms to be ready for growing season. (Bold italics added).*



Daisy and Andy

CALENDAR

To volunteer, email Andy at jhhgg2659@gmail.com

ALWAYS

- Weeding, cleanup (limbs and leaves) and
- Hacking back blackberries

MARCH

- Planter box cleanup, ready for planting in April
- Establish green paths, complete irrigation at production garden beds
- Seed starts and hardening off prior to planting
- Prepare production garden beds for planting in April
- Turn and make more Compost
- 19 – FIRST DAY OF SPRING 2024
- 25 – projected LAST FROST date (224 growing days to Nov 5 FIRST FROST)

APRIL

- Plant, Grow, Water, Weed, REPEAT

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