

Woodburn First Presbyterian Church Newsletter

Spring 2025

Holy Week

Rev. Cynthia O'Brien preaching at all services

Sunday, April 13 at 11:30 AM.....Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 17 at 7 PM..... Maundy Thursday
"Love One Another" service with combined choirs at
Aurora Presbyterian Church—21553 Liberty Street NE,
Aurora

The Day of Resurrection, April 20 at 7 AM Sunrise Service
at Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm

9:30 - 11 AM Pancake Breakfast at our church

11:30 AM.....Easter Worship

One Great Hour of Sharing

Typically received during the season of Lent, each gift to One Great Hour of Sharing supports efforts to relieve hunger through the Presbyterian Hunger Program, promote development through the Presbyterian Committee on the Self-Development of People, and assist in areas of disaster through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. All three programs 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.

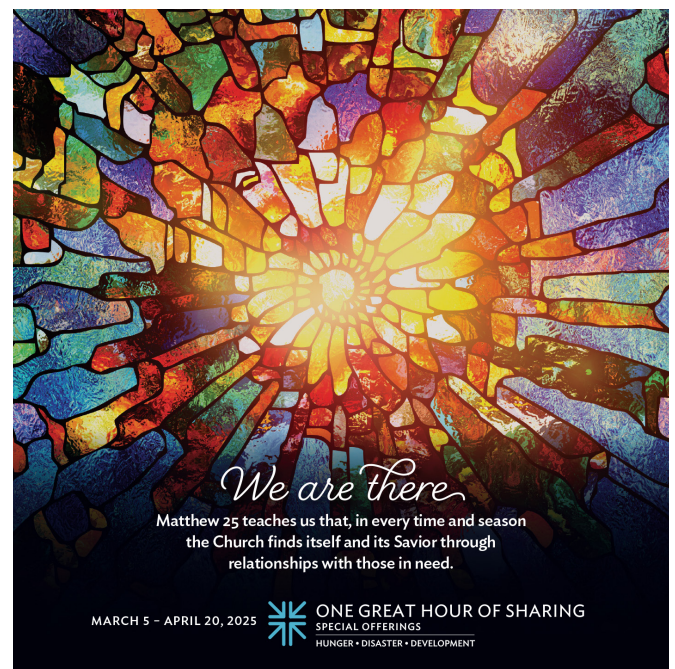
Every year around Easter, we receive an offering for One Great Hour of Sharing. Every gift makes a difference in the life of the most vulnerable of God's people. Please use the OGHS envelopes for your contribution, or write OGHS on the memo line.



Debi Huddleston, Mike Horsfall, Laurent Nickel, Brent Follis,
Cheryl Alex, and Rev. Cynthia O'Brien

On Sunday, April 6, the legacy of Fran and Ray Welch continued as the Welch family sponsored our series in Jazz Worship. The quartet is pictured above with Debi and Rev. Cynthia.

*80th Birthday Open House
for Johanna Samson
Saturday, May 31, 12-3 pm
Woodburn First Presbyterian Church*



New Elders Ordained and Installed

Following their unanimous election by the congregation, elders Johanna Samson and Paula Wolcott were installed to serve a three year term on the Session. Roger Gonzales was ordained as an elder and installed as Clerk of Session for the class of 2027. Our thanks to Walt for taking a third term in a row.

Thanks also to Mark Sterling who served six years consecutively, and to Mike Hachquet who served as Clerk of Session for six years consecutively.

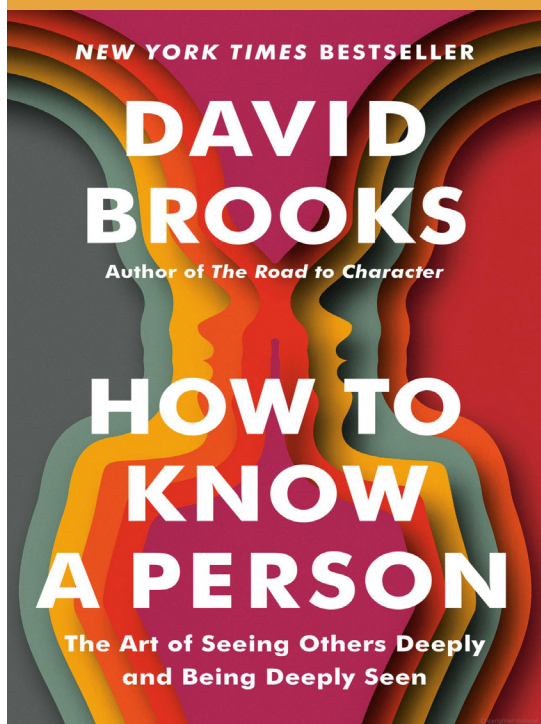
Session meetings are normally on the third Wednesday of the month at 3:15 PM.



Roger Gonzales, Johanna Samson, Paula Wolcott, Mike Hachquet, and Rev. Cynthia

New Book Study: "How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen" by David Brooks

Invite a friend to join you!



Wednesdays with Cynthia

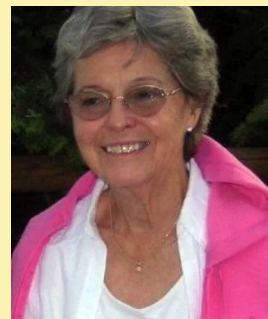
April 23 at 3:30 pm—
Kick off meeting in the
Community Room

April 30 at 3:30 pm—
"Illuminators" -- Discuss
and practice Chapter 3

May 7 at 3:30 pm— "Good
Talks"—Discuss and practice
Chapter 6

You can buy the book used
or new online, or let Cynthia
know and she'll get one for
you. Powells has it for \$30.
Amazon has it for \$13.50.

Remembering



Marian Piper
September 12, 1930 –
January 1, 2025



Pat Love
June 13, 1930 -
February 20, 2025

Come Tiptoe Through the Tulips

Join us for a fun outing to the Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm on Thursday, April 24 — rain or shine! If we have a group of four or more, we'll receive a 15% discount on ticket prices. Senior admission (ages 65 and up) is just \$11. Regular admission is \$16.

Vickie will be bringing her camera and would love to take photos for anyone who wants a special picture among the tulips! Contact Vickie for more information.



May 4—Guests Rev. David Morelli and Jabberwocky



Pastor David Morelli grew up in Salt Lake City and attended Princeton Theological Seminary. He served congregations in South Dakota, Alaska, and Idaho before coming to Oregon where he served two Presbyterian churches, one in Dallas and one in Woodburn. He and his wife, Jackie, have four children and three grandchildren. They have traveled across the country for the last four summers and have been to all 50 states. In his retirement David enjoys preaching, reading, swimming, coaching the Central High School swim team, working on his stamp collection and preserving over 100 years of family letters.

Jabberwocky Quartet is an a cappella quartet made up of Gayle and Jim Rastorfer (who are also members of the Silvertones) with Micky Logan and Walt Haight. They incorporate elements of jazz, barbershop, doo-wop, rock'n'roll, and quirky (thus their name "Jabberwocky").



The Community Garden

by Heather and Andy Brophy

THE BABIES

.... Plant Babies that is ... we are up to our ears in little ones. The pictures are of the really young seedlings and starts at our home nursery, those which have been transitioned from the nursery to day care in the garden greenhouse and of the Garlic which has recently had its Winter frost cloth blanket removed and is growing taller and stronger by the day. We have also had some Collards and Chard which survived the winter cold and are off and growing. Varieties (so far) include Napa Cabbage, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Onions, Tomatoes (cherries and slicers), more Fig trees and Heather is propagating Hydrangeas and Olive Trees, from cuttings. The Marion – Polk Food Bank will be supplementing this list with their annual plant start giveaways scheduled in April, May, and June, too.

To read more of the newsletter go to our website at <http://www.firstpreswoodburn.org/community-garden/>



Weekly gatherings for all:

Sundays—Coffee after church; lunch after church on the first Sunday of the month.

Mondays at 2 PM—Zoom Bible Study

Wednesdays—Romeos and Juliets meet on Wednesdays at Country Cottage. All are welcome. Bring a friend.

- JULIETS (Just Us Ladies Into Eating Together) have breakfast at 9:30.
- ROMEOS (Real Old Men Eating Out) have lunch at 11:30.
- Choir rehearsals with Debi at 2:00 PM—all are welcome!

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